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BIRTHS.

FREEMAN—Christmas Day, at Denmark House, 37 Lower Leeson street, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. K. Freeman, of 67 Frankfort avenue, Rathgar, a daughter.

HIGGINS—On Christmas Eve, to Beatrice, wife of Michael J. Higgins, Primrose Hill, Ballina, a daughter.

TURNER—December 28, 1932, at Travor Hill Nursing Home, Newry, to Mr. and Mrs. Turner (née Bannon), a son.

DEATHS.

CONNOLLY—December 29, 1932, William (Connolly Bros., Castlerea), dearly-beloved husband of Elizabeth Connolly. Deeply regretted. "Thy will be done." Funeral leaving Castlerea Church, 12 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) for family burial ground, Frenchpark.

FAGAN—December 28, 1932, at Sea Bank, Sandycove, James Fagan, late 146 Lower Drumcondra road. R.I.P. Deeply regretted. Funeral (private) after 10 o'clock Mass to-day (Friday) from St. Joseph's, Glasthule, to Glasnevin. No flowers.

FRYDAY—December 29, 1932, at his residence, Mandemount, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary, John N. Fryday, aged 70 years. "For I know that my Redeemer liveth." Job xix., 25. Funeral from Dundrum Church to Ballintemple, 1 o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday).

JOHNSTON—December 27, 1932, after a short illness, James Patrick Johnston, Sc.D., second son of the late Robert McKenne Johnston, Churchtown Park, Dundrum, County Dublin. Funeral, Mount Jerome, this (Friday) morning at 9.30.

KENNEDY—December 28, 1932, at her residence, London, after a short illness, Margaret Kennedy, widow of the late Edward J. Kennedy, J.P., Lord Mayor of Dublin, 1890.

KING—December 27, 1932 (suddenly), at Northumberland avenue, Kingstown, J. A. King, second son of the late R. D. King, Esq., J.P., of 4 Palace street and Monkstown. Funeral private.

McCAUL—December 29, 1932, suddenly, Dr. Brian McCaul, Shirley House, Carrickmacross. R.I.P. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. Remains will be removed to St. Joseph's Church at 6 o'clock this (Friday) evening. Funeral to St. Joseph's Cemetery at 12 noon to-morrow (Saturday).

McCONAGHY—December 28, 1932, at 19 Castle street, Dalkey, Sarah Elizabeth (Sancy), beloved wife of Charles McConaghy. Funeral leaves Dalkey 11 o'clock to-day (Friday) for Killinkere, County Cavan, arriving 2 o'clock.

MARKS—December 23, 1932, suddenly, at his residence, 46 Causeway street, Portrush, John A. Marks, ex-D.I., R.I.C., retired. Interred at Ballywilliam, Portrush.

O'LEARY HANNIGAN—December 28, 1932, at her residence, Kilbolane Castle, Milford, Charleville, Mary, wife of David O'Leary Hannigan, and daughter of Edward Burke, 23 Crosthwaite Park, Kingstown, County Dublin. Funeral (private) to-day (Friday) from Kingsbridge at 1 o'clock for Dean's Grange Cemetery.

ORR—December 28, 1932, Albert E. (Bertie), Woodstock, Howth road, Dublin, dearly beloved younger son of Emily and the late David Orr. Funeral (private) after Service at North Strand Church, 9.45 to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

SCULLY—December 28, 1932, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mountain View, Skerries, A. G. Scully (late Principal Pro-Cathedral Schools, Dublin). Funeral from St. Patrick's, Skerries, after 8 o'clock Mass this (Friday) morning, to Little Bray.

TAYLOR—December 29, 1932, at her residence, Main street, Blessington, Georgina Jane, beloved wife of Alfred E. Taylor. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) morning, arriving Mount Jerome 11.30.

TIGHE—December 29, 1932, at her residence, 25 William street, Sligo, Sarah M. Tighe, widow of the late Edward John Tighe, Merville, Sligo. High Mass to-morrow (Saturday), at 11 o'clock, at the Cathedral, Sligo. Funeral private. No flowers, Masses instead.

WADE—December 29, 1932, at her residence, 27 Montpelier Gardens, Infirmary road, Elizabeth Wade. Funeral Service in Blackhall Place Methodist Church at 9.15 to-morrow (Saturday) morning. Interment Mount Jerome 10.15. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late **Mr. W. McClure** return sincere thanks for letters and telegrams of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for wreaths and floral tributes.

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LONDON MINING MARKET IRREGULAR.

KAFFIRS AGAIN CENTRE OF INTEREST.

Kaffirs were again the centre of interest in the Mining Market yesterday, and the position created by the withdrawal of gold from internal circulation, and the absence of an exchange rate between London and South Africa, remained the subject of constant, if not very profitable, discussion. No definite news was received while the "House" remained open, but it became known during the evening that South Africa has definitely abandoned the gold standard. The Union pound is to be left to find its own level, and the mines will be allowed to sell their gold to the best advantage.

Some semblance of order emerged from the uncertain conditions which prevailed on the previous day, although anomalies still persisted. For example, the prices quoted for East Rands and West Rands in Johannesburg were within 3d. of each other, yet the margin here was no less than 1s. 6d.

Cables from Johannesburg reported the market there as being very active, with fresh sharp advances occurring throughout the list. In London, however, quotations moved irregularly, the shares of the low-grade mines improving, although not always to the same extent, while the high grades, such as Springs and Sub Nigel, continued to lose ground. An improvement of 10s. occurred in the price of copper to £28 17s. 6d. per ton. A better tendency developed among Northern Rhodesians, although business in them was still very small. A sharp rise of 1⅛, recorded in Tintos, to 18½, was ascribed partly to firmness in Paris and partly to the technical position in London. A "bear" account has existed in these shares for a long time. A recovery in the price of tin to £149 2s. 6d. per ton had a favourable influence on one or two of the shares, but business showed no expansion, and movements were few. West Australians were neglected and hardly changed. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
10/3	Afric & Eur	9/9-10/9	–0/3
11/6	Ang-A. Corp	10/6-11/0	
14/6	Anglo-Fr'ch.	14/6-15/6	
4 29/32	Brakpan	4 11/16-4 13/16	–1/32
12⅛	Cent. Mining	12⅜-12⅝	
13/3	City Deep	14/0-14/6	+/10½
2⅛	Con. Goldf'ds	2-2 1/16	
1 11/16	Cons. M.Reef	34/9-35/3	+1/0
8/0	Con. M Sel.	7/6-8/6	
7	Crown Mines	6 11/16-6 13/16	–3/16
3 5/16	Daggafont'n	3 1/16-3 3/16	–3/16
1⅞	Durban Deep	22/9-23/3	
4 7/16	East Geduld	4 23/32-4 13/32	–⅛
14/6	E.RandProp	16/10½-17/4½	+0/1½
5 23/32	Geduld	5 7/16-5 9/16	–3/16
11/6	Golden Deep	13/0-13/6	+0/3
25/6	Gen. Mining	26/9-27/3	
1 31/32	Govt. M. (5/)	1 31/32-2 1/32	
1 21/32	Grootvlei	1 21/32-2 3/32	
33/0	Johan Invsts	32/6-33/6	–0/6
24/9	Kleinfontein	25/3-26/3	+0/3
9/0	Knight's	12/0-13/0	
23/0	Langlaagte E	24/0-25/0	+0/6
5/6	Luipards Vlei	6/1½-6/4½	
2 5/16	Modderfontn	2½-2⅝	–1/16
13/9	Modder B.	15/3-16/0	+0/6
19/0	Modder Deep	18/6-19/0	–0/3
2½	Modder East	2½-2⅝	–1/16
3 11/32	New S. Areas	3 5/16-3 7/16	–1/16
7/6	Nigel	7/0-8/0	
1 5/16	Nourse	21/0-21/6	+1/0
0/3	Oceana Con.	0/3-0/6	
4⅜	Rand Mines	4¼-4⅜	–3/32
45/6	Randfontein	45/10½-46/4½	–0/1½
14/7½	Robin DeepB	16/0-16/3	+0/3
7/3	Rose Deep	11/0-11/6	+1/9
3 10/3	Simmer & J.	4/9-5/0	+0/3
7/6	S.A. Towns	7/0-7/6	
4⅞	Springs	4 5/16-4⅜	–⅛
19/3	Sth.-W. Af.	7/8-15/16	
6 13/32	Sub Nigel	5⅞-6	–3/16
4	Trans.Del.B	3⅞-4⅛*	
1 7/32	Trans Con.L	1 5/16-1 7/16	
3⅜	Union Corp	3 5/16-3 7/16	–1/32
14/0	Van Ryn	14/6-15/6	+0/3
1 5/32	Do. Deep	1 7/32-1 9/32	
1⅛	Vereeniging	1⅛-1 3/16	
18/6	West R. Con	18/6-18/9	
1 7/16	West Springs	1⅜-1 7/16	
11/9	Wit. Deep	11/9-12/9	+0/6

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
5/6	BechuanaEx	5/3-5/9	
3/1½	B. M'Kubwa	3/4½-3/7½	+0/1½
2 7/16	Cam & Motor	2 15/32-2 15/32	+1/32
15/10½	Char. B.S.A.	16/7½-16/10½	+0/4½
18/0	Globe & Phœ	18/3-18/9	
4/0	GoldF.Rhod	3/10½-4/1½	+0/1½
1/6	Loangwa	1/4½-1/7½	
19/32	Lonely Reef	½-⅝	
1⅝	Rezende	1 9/16-1 11/16	
½	Rhod Katanga	½-⅝	
	Rhokana Corp.	4 5/16-4 7/16	+3/16
10/9	Roan Antel.	11/6-12/0	+0/4½
3/6	Selukwe (2/6)	3/3-3/9	
14/9	Sherw'd Star	13/9-14/9	–0/6
3⅞	Tangan. Con	15/16-1	+1/0
3⅞	Vic.FallsOrd	3⅞-4	
39/9	Do. Pref.	1 31/32-2 1/32	
⅝	Wankie Col.	¾-13/16	+5/32
⅝	Zamb Expl.	⅝-11/16	

DIAMOND.

9/6	Angola Dia.	7/16-½	
3/16	Cn.D.S.W.A	3/3-4/3	
5⅛	DeBeersDef	5 3/16-5 7/16	+1/16
7⅞	Do. Pref.	7 13/16-8 1/16	
1¼	Jagersf'tein	1 5/16-1 5/16	
1 3/16	Premier Pref	1⅛-1⅜	
4/3	West African	4/0-4/6	

AUSTRALIAN.

6/3	Amal. Zinc	5/16-7/16	
19/3	B. Hill Prop	19/0-20/0	
1 11/16	Do. South.	1⅝-1¾*	
1 1/16	Elec.Zinc Pf.	1-1⅛	
7/3	Gt. Boulder(2/)	7/3-7/9	
20/9	Lake V. Star	20/6-21/0	
⅝	Lake V Inv.	9/16-⅝	
8/9	Mount Isa	13/32-15/32	
2 11/16	Nth. Bn.Hill	2⅝-2¾	
21/0	Sth. Kalgurli	20/6-21/6	+0/6
5/9	Sulphide Ord	5/6-6/6	
8/0	Do. Pref.	7/6-8/6	
43/0	Wiluna Gold	42/0-43/0	
20/0	Zinc Ord (10)	1-1⅛	
3⅜	Do. Pref.	3⅛-3⅜*	

WEST AFRICAN.

41/6	Ashanti(4/)	40/3-40/9	–0/9
8/9	Bibiani	8/3-8/9	
8/0	Fanti Cons	7/6-8/6	

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 19.			
4/0	Anglo-C.(10/)	3/9-4/3	
6/0	Anglo-Orient	5/6-6/6	
9/0	Do Pref	8/3-9/3	
⅝	Aramayo	9/16-11/16	
4/6	Associa'd Tin	4/0-4/6	
8/9	Bisichi	4/9-5/3	
1⅝	Gopeng	1 5/16-1 7/16	
12/9	Ipoh	12/3-13/3	
⅝	Kaduna Synd	9/16-11/16	
5/9	Kamunting	5/6-6/0*	
23/32	Kram'tPulai	11/16-¾	
9/3	London Tin	9/3-9/9	+0/3
16/0	MalayanT.D	15/9-16/3	
⅞	Naraguta	⅜-½	
4/3	Pahang(5/)	4/3-4/9	
4/8	Rambutan	½-⅝	
15/9	Renong	14/6-15/6	–0/6
6/6	Siamese	6/6-7/0	
4/9	Tavoy (4/)	4/6-5/0	
13/6	Tronoh (5/)	13/3-14/3*	

COPPER.

4/6	Messina	5/0-6/0	
16/0	Mount Lyell	16/0-17/0	
3/16	Namaqua	⅛-¼	
17⅛	RioTinto(£5)	18-18⅛	+1⅛
3 1/16	Tharsis	3 3/16-3 5/16	+1/16

MISCELLANEOUS.

10/0	BurmaCorp	9/7½-9/10½	
	Champ. Reef	20/0-21/0	
8/0	Chos. Corp	7/6-8/6	
2/3	Explor.(10/-)	[illegible]	
3	Min.Sepa't'n	3-3¼	
6/6	Min.Crp.Can	6/9-7/3	+0/3
12/9	Mysore (10/)	12/3-13/3	
43/0	Nundydroog	42/9-43/9	–0/3
6/0	Ooregum	5/6-6/6	
23/0	St. J.Del Rey	22/6-23/6	
8/9	San Fr'isco	8/3-9/3	–0/3
4/9	Santa Gert	3/6-4/0	
2/6	Tigon Ming.	2/0-3/0	
8/1½	Trepca (5/0)	7/9-8/3*	–0/3
17/6	Waihi Gold	17/3-17/9	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights. ‡ Ex Bonus.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

FREE STATE EXCHEQUER BILLS.

The first operation of the Department of Finance of borrowing in the open market by tender for Exchequer bills (three months' currency) was successful in giving the officials a choice of tender in allotment. The official statement issued last night states that some tenders were rejected. The average rate was £2 1s. 2.15d. Tendering must have been close, as some tenders near or under £1 15s. were accepted in full.

LEGAL TENDER NOTE FUND.

The amount of legal tender notes outstanding on December 24, 1932, was £7,854,332, as compared with £7,714,000 on December 17, 1932. The amount issued during the week was £264,265, and the amount redeemed £105,933.

RUBBER IN U.K.

There was a further reduction in United Kingdom rubber stocks last week, the fall amounting to 460 tons at 92,769 tons. This is the lowest total since March, 1930. U.K. stocks at this time last year were 126,951 tons. London's stock declined by 526 tons last week to 37,862 tons, but in Liverpool there was an increase of 66 tons at 54,907 tons. The totals in London and Liverpool in the corresponding week last year were 70,043 tons and 56,908 tons respectively.

CASE AGAINST FILM COMPANY FAILS.

Cable advice just received from Canada by British International Pictures, Ltd., states that the Court has rejected the claim for £100,000 damages for alleged breach of contract in connection with the rights for redistributing British films in Canada, which was heard in the Ontario Provincial Supreme Court. The co-plaintiffs were Mrs. R. L. Smith, editress of the *Canadian Moving Picture Digest*, and British International Films of Canada. Mrs. Smith claimed that she had an exclusive five-year franchise for the distribution of the British company's films in Canada, and it is this claim which has now been rejected by the Court. The case is being continued so that the respective counsels engaged on the case may argue the point as to whether the plaintiffs are entitled to recover a deposit of £2,000 paid by them on the signing of the contract.

ACETEX SAFETY GLASS.

There were stormy scenes during the annual meeting of Acetex Safety Glass, Ltd., in London, yesterday. At one point the Chairman, Sir Frederick James Willis, declared that he would not make his speech unless the shareholders listened to him. When Sir Frederick moved the adoption of the report and accounts Mr. Botibol rose. The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Botibol was going to move an amendment that the report be received but not adopted, and that a committee of three shareholders be appointed by the meeting to inquire into the finance, administration and management of the company and to report to shareholders. Sir Frederick mentioned that the board had no objection to the committee of inquiry, but he asked that the report should be circulated before the board was reconstituted. Sir Frederick put the amendment to the meeting, which was carried, with only three dissentient votes. A committee of three shareholders, of which Mr. Botibol was one, was then appointed.

BREWERY COMPANIES' AMALGAMATION.

The Press Association learns that the directors of the brewery companies of Samuel Webster and Sons, Ltd., and Joseph Stocks and Co., Ltd., both of Halifax, have provisionally agreed on terms for an amalgamation. This will take the form of the acquisition of the Stocks Company shares by the Webster Company in exchange for shares in the Webster Company on the basis of three Webster new 7 per cent. Cumulative Second Preference shares and three Webster new Ord. shares all of £1 each, for ten 5 p.c. Stocks Pref. shares and one Webster new Ordinary share for five Stocks Ordinary shares. The Webster Company will guarantee the interest on the 4½ per cent. Debenture stocks of the Stocks Company as an additional security to stockholders.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

AUSTRALIAN PASTORAL.—Dividend of 2½ per cent., free of tax, on the Consolidated Ordinary Stock, as against 2 per cent. last year. (For 1930 nothing was paid.)

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS.—Quarterly dividend of 3d. per share, less tax, on the Deferred for the quarter to December 31.

BANK OF TORONTO.—A net profit of $1,044,393, as compared with $1,168,915 last year, is reported for the financial year ended in November. Dividends paid amounted to $660,000. The balance sheet of the bank shows that the capital is $6,000,000 and the rest $9,000,000. Undivided profits amounted to $496,301. The liquid assets are over 62 per cent. of all liabilities to the public.

HUTCHINSON PRINTING TRUST.—Hutchinson Printing Trust has issued a circular that declaration of the final dividends has been postponed. The first Preference shareholders received on 30th June last an interim dividend of 3¾ per cent. on account of the year 1932. The Chairman and Board, in the circular, point out that the printing industry, as a whole, has suffered very severely during the general trade depression, and, in fact, has been one of the hardest-hit industries. Fortunately, its association with the parent company, Hutchinson and Co. (Publishers), and the many additional publishing businesses which it now controls, has brought to the Trust a steady volume of work (over £125,000 for the year). The directors add:—"Although from data available to the end of October the interest on the First Preference Shares appears to be well covered, your directors have decided that, until conditions improve, the final dividends on the different classes of shares will be declared when the balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of this company and of its various subsidiary companies have been provisionally and finally prepared by their accountants, which will be as soon as possible in the new year."

HALL AND CO.—Interim dividend on Ord. Shares at rate of 1/- per share, as last year, less tax.

CEYLON AND INDIAN PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.—Directors have decided to defer payment of interim dividend on Pref. Shares, usually paid in January, until end of financial year. Pref. dividend paid to July last.

MOUNT LYELL MINING AND RAILWAY.—The preliminary figures of this company for the year to September 30 last were published in these columns in November. The full report now to hand states that the total output of ore from all mines was 362,591 tons, an increase over the previous year of 69,761 tons. The concentration plant treated 308,903 tons of ore for a production of 46,329 tons of concentrates. The accounts show that of the balance of £595,523 standing at the credit of profit and loss account, the directors propose transferring £500,000 to reserve fund, and after paying the dividend of 2½ per cent. and bringing in £43,980 from the previous year there remained to go forward £100,753.

MILTON PROPRIETARY.—Final dividend of 10 per cent. on Ord. shares, making 15 per cent. for year to September 30, 1932 (same).

NEW ZEALAND AND RIVER PLATE LAND MORTGAGE.—Dividend of 3½ per cent., subject to tax, making 7 per cent., subject to tax. Forward £48,625. (Last year 9 per cent.)

SOEMBER AJOE RUBBER ESTATES.—The accounts for the year to September 30 last show a trading loss, after providing £633 for loss on exchange, of £2,518, which follows a loss of £3,538 in the preceding year. To the £1,002 brought in was added a profit of £235 realised on sale of investments, and £2,000 taken from taxation reserve, making £3,237. From this was deducted the loss on the year, and the remaining £719 is to be carried forward. The rubber crop was 339,400 lb., as against 692,847 lb., and 492 cwt. of coffee, against 400 cwt. in 1930-1931. The current crops are estimated at 650,000 lb. of rubber and 720 cwt. of coffee. The last dividend was 7½ per cent. for 1928-1929.

WILLIAM TOD, JUN., AND CO. (1923) (Paper Manufacturers, Polton, Midlothian).—The directors announce that the results of the past six months' working do not warrant payment of any dividend on the Preference Shares on January 1 next. This dividend is in arrears since October 1, 1929.

IRISH RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Last Week. Decrease.	Total 51 Weeks. Decrease.
Northern Cos. (L.M.S.) ...	£6,480–814	£389,767–34,477

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

TONE AND COMMENT

DUBLIN STEADY.

INDUSTRIALS FIRM.

Dublin Stock Market, which will be closed to-morrow and on Monday next (New Year's Day), was quite steady yesterday, and in the Industrial section the movements were nearly all upward, some of them being of substantial amount. Textiles were prominent in the upward swing, Calicos, Coats and Courtaulds rising comfortably. Dunlops, Chemicals (both Ord. and Def.) and Imperial Tobacco were also well supported. Shells rose to 48s.

The Funds on balance were practically unchanged, and War Loan rose to 98⅞.

Bank Stock was unchanged, and Guinness and Alliance Gas repeated last prices. Power Prefs. were unchanged.

Among Rails, Great Northern Ord. lost ⅛ at 4⅝, and Great Southern Ord. rose ¼ to 5⅝.

LONDON FIRM.

BRITISH RAILS AGAIN ADVANCE.

There was a marked expansion in the volume of business passing in several departments of the London Stock Markets yesterday, and a firm tone prevailed in practically every direction, while a number of outstanding features of strength was apparent. British Rails, in particular, displayed a strong appearance, the recent improvement in values being accentuated by the improvement shown in the weekly traffic receipts, and in face of a good demand the Ordinaries and the Junior Stocks scored further substantial advances. The Home Industrials also were singled out for attention and Textiles, several of the Iron, Coal, and Steel shares, Dunlops, and Imperial Chemicals, all returned materially improved levels, whilst Cables and Wireless stocks spurted sharply, the volume of business passing in the last-mentioned being on quite an active scale. Shipping issues generally were good, and the trans-Atlantic descriptions disclosed a firmer tendency. In other directions Oil shares, although failing to attract a great deal of attention, preserved a firm front, and most of the leaders and several of the lower-priced descriptions went to higher levels. Among Mines, Kaffirs mostly reached further reduced levels, though in a few directions moderate improvements were scored. A feature in the Mining Market was the late recovery in Copper shares, Rio Tinto being marked forward smartly just prior to the close.

Quiet conditions characterised the gilt-edged section, and the firmness apparent at the outset was not maintained, and in a few directions trifling recessions were shown, though movements were few, and of little consequence. Consols 4 per Cent. were quoted ex the div. at 106⅜, while the 2½ per Cent. lost 1/16 to 74⅛. War Loan 3½ per Cent. and the 3½ per Cent. Conversion Loan were also each 1/16 easier at the end, with Local Loans showing a loss of ⅛ at 87½. Otherwise little movements were shown, Funding Loan, Victory Bonds, and the Indians all repeating Wednesday's closing rates. Irregular conditions ruled among Foreign Government Stocks, for while German Bonds continued in the ascendant Brazilians lost ground. Among the former the Sevens finished showing an improvement of no less than 2¼ points, while the 5½ per Cent. were also more than 2 points above the previous night's close. Brazilians, on the other hand, went back, the 6½ per Cent. 1927, dropping a point to 30, with the Funding Bonds and the 5 per Cent. Funding, 1914, each ½ lower. The improvement shown in Wednesday's traffic returns led to an increased demand, developing for British Rails, and at the close prices were at substantially improved levels, the Junior Stocks taking the lead. Great Western Ordinary and Midland Ordinary were each ½ better, while North-Eastern 5 per Cent. Pref.-Ordinary at 9 were ¼ to the good. Great Western 5 per Cent. Pref. closed a further 2 points better, and Midland 4 per Cent. Pref. and 4 per Cent. Pref. 1923 were 1 and 1½ points firmer respectively. North-Eastern Prefs. also rose appreciably, and Southern 5 per Cent. Pref. put on a point. Metropolitan Consolidated and Underground Ordinary returned slightly improved values. There was not a great deal passing among Colonial and Foreign Rails, and the few movements shown were mostly adverse to holders. Bahia-Blanca Guaranteed Stock were again marked off sharply, finishing 3 points back at 49, while San Paulo Ordinary lost 2 points, with B.A.G.S. ½ easier at 21½. Can Pacs, on the other hand, gained ⅛ to 20⅞, whilst others in this department were unchanged.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—**Consols**—74 3/16, ¼, 5/16, ⅛, ⅜, ¼, 3/8. **3 p.c. Conversion Loan**—96 5/16, ¼, ⅛, 3/16. **Funding Loan**—108¾, 11/16, ⅞, 13/16. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—99⅛, ¼, 5/16, 9, 1/16, 3/16, ⅞, *9, *¼. **4 p.c. Consols** (x.d.)—106⅜, ⅜, ½, *⅜, *7¾, 67/16, ¼, 5/16, *8. **2 p.c. Treasury Bonds**—98 15/16, 31/32. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—98 11/16, ¾, 15/16, ⅝, *⅝, *13/16. **Free State Land Bonds**—106½, 7, ⅛, ⅜. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—102¼, ⅝, ½, ⅜, 2. **Aerated Bread (x.d.)**—22/9, 10½d. **African and Eastern**—1/-. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—9/-, 1½d. **Associated Cement**—27/4½, 3d., 1½d., 6d. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—19/6, 3d., 4½d. **Brazilian Traction**—12 13/16, ¾, 15/16. **British American Tobacco**—5 5/32, ⅛, £5 3/-. **British Celanese**—7/4½, 3d., 1½d., 2¼d., 3¾d. **British Match Ord.**—29/4½. **British Oil and Cake**—37/10½, 9d., 6d., 8/-. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—21½, ⅛, 20½, 1⅝, ¾, 2, 1, 20⅞. **Cables and Wireless A**—27¼, ½, 8, ¼, ½, 7¾, ⅞, ⅝, 8⅛, ⅜, ⅝, ⅞, 9, 7⅛, 8 5/16, ¾; **do. B**—11⅜, ⅝, ¾, ½, 12, ⅛, 11 15/16, ⅞; **do. 5½ p.c. Pref.**—77⅜, ¼, ¾, 11/16, 8, ½, 7⅝, 8¾, ⅞, 7½, 8, ⅛, ¼, 9⅛, 8¼. **Calico Printers**—16/-, 4½d., 6d., 1½d., 3d. **Canadian Pacific**—20 9/16, ⅝, ¾, 15/16, 1, 1/16, ⅝. **Carreras**—6½, £6 10/6. **Coats**—*47/4½, 8/-, 3d., 7/9, 6d. **Courtaulds**—31/-, 3d., 7½d., 30/9, 1/-, 1½d. **Cunard Ord.**—7/9, 8/-. **"Daily Mail" Trust**—35/-, 3d., 1½d. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—12/6, 7½d., 4½d. **Dunlop Ord.**—20/-, 3d., 1½d., 6d., 4½d., *20/-, 7½d. **Dunlop Plantations**—21/1½. **Elec. and Musical Ord.**—10/6, 9d., 7½d.; **do. Pref.**—15/6, 9d., 16/-. **Ford Motors**—18/3, 4½d., 6d., 1½d. **Gallaher Ord.**—43/9, 3d., 6d., 4/-, 3d. **General Electric**—38/7½, 10½d., 9d. **General Electric Debs.**—108¼. **Great Western Rail**—34, ⅛, ⅜, ½, 3¼, ¾, ⅞, ½, 4¼; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—77½, ¼, 8¼. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—30, 1. **Guinness Ord.**—80/6, 9d. **Harrods Ord.**—58/-, 1½d., 3d., 7/6. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—16/9, 10½d., 6d., 17/-. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—48½. **Imperial Airways**—22/9. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—25/-, 1½d., 3d., *3d., 4/10½, 5/4½, 6d.; **do. Def.**—6/7½, 10½d., 9d., *9d., 7/-. **Imperial Tobacco**—97/10½, 9d., 8/-, 1½d., 7/6, 3d. **International Holdings**—1 17/32, 9/16, ½. **International Nickel** (dols.)—11 13/16, ⅞, *13/16, 15/16, ¾, 12. **Inveresk Paper**—2/-. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—28/-, 1½d., 7/10½. **London Midland and Scottish Ord.**—16, 15½, 13/16, ⅞, ⅜, ⅝, ¾, 16⅛. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—8⅞, 15/16, *⅞, 9, ¼, ⅛, 1/16, 5/16, 7/16, ½; **do. Def.-Ord.**—5, ⅛, 1/16, 3/16, ½, *4⅞, 5¼. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—5 9/16. **Marconi Marine**—6/-, 3d., 4½d., 6d., 7/1½, 6/10½, 9d. **Maypole Def.**—*3/-, 3d., 4½d. **Metropolitan Rail**—61½. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—17/-, 16/3, 6d. **P. and O. 5 per cent. Deferred**—14/7½, 10½d., 9d., 15/-, 3d., 1½d., 4½d. **Prov. Cinema Theatres** (x.d.)—18/3. **Roan Antelope**—11/5¼, 7½d., 6d. **Rubber Trust**—13/9, 14/-. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—28, 1/16, 7⅜, ⅛, ½, ¾, ⅞, 8½. **Southern Rail Def.-Ord.**—10, ⅜, ¼, ⅛, 3/16, 9¾. **Sudan Plantations**—27/-, 3d., 6d. **"Sunday Pictorial" Ord.**—32/9. **Swedish Match "B"**—14/10½. **Tobacco Securities Ord.**—74/-, 3/9, *70/6, 2/6; **do. Def.**—*70/9, *1/3. **Underground Income Bonds**—104¾. **United Dairies**—51/10½, 9d., 4½d., 7½d., 2/1½. **Unilever Ord.**—29/9, 30/-, 1½d.; **do. N.V.**—30/9, 10½d., 1/-. **United Molasses**—7/0¾, 4½d., 3d., 1½d. **United Serdang Rubber**—1/3¾. **United Tobacco**—72/6, 4/8¼, 5/-. **Vickers**—7/3, 6d., 4½d., 5¼d. **Vine Products**—6/8¼, 6d. **Watney Combe Def.**—42/-, 3d., 1/9, 6d. **Westminster Bank**—79/-, 3d., 1½d., 4½d., 8/10½. **White Star Pref.**—1/10½. **Woolworth Ord.**—73/9, 3d., 6d., 3/-, 2/7½, 3d.; **do. Pref.**—27/1½, 6/10½, 7/-.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

Thursday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London firm.
Dublin steady.
Manchester Textiles better.
Birmingham Motors slow.
New York firm.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2	p.c.
Last Year	6	p.c.
Irish Banks' Rate	3	p.c.
London Day-to-Day Loans	¾	p.c.
London Fine 3-Months' Bills	1¼	p.c.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

TEXTILES SUPPORTED.

Although business in the Industrial Market yesterday remained on a moderate scale, cheerful conditions again prevailed. Home descriptions continued to receive good support from the provinces, and, while a little profit-taking occurred during the afternoon, the improvement was fairly well maintained.

Improved advices from Wall street were reflected among the trans-Atlantic counters, which finished with a firm appearance. Nickels rose to 12, Brazilian Tractions to 13¼, Hydros to 11⅜, and Radios to 6⅝. Steel dipped to 37⅜, but recovered later to 39. Drugs ruled on the dull side at 52⅜. "Emmies" continued an uncertain market.

A revival of interest was witnessed among Cables and Wireless stocks, and both the Preference and "A" Ordinary were marked up 1⅜ to 79 and 29, respectively. The "B" Ordinary gained ½ at 12.

Although a little profit-taking was noticeable in places, Iron, Coal and Steel descriptions made another good showing on balance.

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Stantons took the lead, closing 1s. 1½d. up at 40s., W. Babcocks 9d. higher at 41s. Moderate gains were also recorded by Bengal Iron, Consetts, Wm. Cory, Powell Duffryn, South Durhams, Tube Investments, and Weardale Deferred.

Apart from Fords, the Motor section ruled fairly firm. Leylands were a better market at 22s. 6d., with Austins a few pence harder at 30s., and Napiers at 3s. 9d.

The Tobacco leaders displayed some irregularity, with the exception of Carreras, the "A" shares further advancing 1/16 to 6⅝, with the "B" shares closing buyers at 17s., the highest levels reached for some time. "Imps" held around 4 31/32, but "Bats" lost the turn at 5⅛.

Breweries seemed rather undecided in their movements. Guinness, Meux and Watney Defd. all found supporters, but Barclay Perkins, Bass Ratcliff, Ohlssons and South African Breweries Ord. lost ground, the last-named under the influence of the South African currency developments.

Stores descriptions ruled firm, apart from Woolworths, which again came on offer and were scaled down 1s. to 72s. 6d.

Provision and Catering issues displayed firmness. R. E. Jones Ord. and Pref. changed hands up to 1s. 6d. and 8s. respectively following the publication of the results. Home and Colonials at 16s. 6d., International Teas at 29s. 10½d., and United Dairies at 51s. 9d. all gained the turn.

Following the signing of the "more looms" pact, Textiles further improved, but a little profit-taking during the afternoon caused a reaction from the best. J. and P. Coats finished at 43s. 3d., Bleachers at 15s. 4½d., Fine Spinners at 17s. 3d., Wm. Hollins at 18s. 6d., and Patons and Baldwins at 24s. 4½d.

Rayons came in for renewed attention. Courtaulds strengthened to 31s. 7½d. and gains of 1/16 were recorded by American Celanese at 2 5/16 and Canadian Celanese at 2½. British Celanese Ord. improved to 7s. 9d. and the Second Pref. to 5s. 3d.

The brighter tone among Shipping descriptions noticeable on Wednesday was again in evidence yesterday, inquiry being continued for several of the leading counters.

Dunlops and Chemicals continued to attract most attention among the Miscellaneous descriptions, and the former were finally 9d. to the good at 20s. 7½d., the best level of the day, while Chemicals were finally only a trifle below the highest mark at 25s. 4½d., a further gain of 4½d. The Defd. were lifted a few pence to 7s. Crittals also changed hands on a good scale and closed 1s. 3d. up at 7s. 6d., while moderate gains took place elsewhere in Pinchin Johnsons, Turner and Newalls, and Molasses.

OIL SHARES HARDER.

Although there was no noticeable expansion in the volume of transactions in Oil shares yesterday, the firm tendency which developed on Wednesday continued in evidence, and prices of the leaders and a few of the more speculative descriptions moved to higher levels. Advices received overnight from New York were of a satisfactory character, London prices being accepted by that centre. The further decline in crude oil production in the United States was a helpful factor. A satisfactory tone existed right from the start, there being no selling pressure in any direction, and orders reaching the market, although generally for small lines, were mostly in the nature of purchases. Prices were not slow to respond, while, when French operators again came in buyers of international counters, the upward movement in prices was continued, the market as a whole closing with a distinctly hard appearance.

RUBBER SHARES IDLE.

The Rubber Share Market remained in a state of almost complete inanition, yet share values were well maintained, indeed the few movements returned were favourable to holders. Only a moderate business was effected in the raw material department, and a steady tone ensued. Spot and January fetched 2 1/16d. to 2 3/16d. to 2 5/16d. per lb, with April to June closing at 2⅜d. per lb., and July to September at 2 7/16d. per lb.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 22, 1⅝; Commercial Union, 20 9/16, 7/16, 15/32, ⅜; Employers', 51/-, 6d., 9d.; General Accident, 15½; London Assurance, 10 5/16, ⅜, ¼, 3/16; North British and Mercantile, 34½; Northern, 18 1/16, ⅛, 3/16; Phœnix £1 (fully paid), 16⅛; Prudential, 25 15/16, ⅝; do. "B" £1 (4/- paid), 50/-; Royal Exchange, 6½, 9/16, ⅝; Royal Insurance, 7 25/32, 11/16, ¾, 23/32.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL—Commercial Union, 20 17/32; Employers' Liability, 50/9; Guardian, 12 5/32; London and Lancashire, 27⅛; London Assurance, 10⅜, 5/9; North British and Mercantile, 34½, 12/-; Northern Assurance, £18 6/-; Royal Insurance, 7 13/16, 25/32; Scottish Union and National, 13 11/32; Sun Insurance, 79/7½.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	74	74¼	–1/16
Do. 4%	106¼	106½*	
3½% War Loan	98 9/16	98 13/16	–1/16
Funding Loan	108 5/16	108⅞	
Victory Bonds	108	108¼	
3½% Conversion Loan	99	99¼	–1/16
4½% Conversion Loan	109¼	109½	+¼
5% Conversion Loan	115⅛	115⅜	
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	106	108	
India 3%	75½	76½	
Do. 3½%	87½	88½	
Do. 4½%	106¾	107¾	
Do. 5½%	107	108	
Local Loans	87	87¼	–⅛
Sudan 5½%	113	115	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c.	102	103	
Do. do. 6 p.c.	101	103	
British Columbia 4½ p.c., 1941	100	104	
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	103	105	
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	97	99	
Ceylon 6 p.c.	108	110	
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	103	104	
Do. 6½ p.c., 1930-40	101	103	
New Zealand 6 p.c., 1936-51	106	108	
Do. 5 p.c., 1946	106	108	
Nigeria 6 p.c.	117	119*	
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-50	103	104	
South African 5 p.c., 1933-43	100	102*	
South Australian 5 p.c., 1932-42	100¾	101¾	
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	98	100	
Victoria 5 p.c., 1932-42	100¾	101¾	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	102	104*	
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	105	106	
Do. 6 p.c., 1930-40	99	101*	

BANKS.

Anglo South American (£10) £5 paid	5½	5dis	
Bank of Australasia	7	7½	
Bank of England	323	328	+1
Bank of Montreal	47	51	
Bank of New South Wales	21	23	
Bank of New Zealand	1⅞	2⅛	–1/16
Barclay's "A" Shares	9⅜	9⅝	
British Overseas	4¾	5¼*	
Canadian of Commerce	34	38	
Chartered of India	12¾	13¼	+⅛
Hong Kong and Shanghai	114	118	
Lloyds	54/9	55/9	+0/3
Midland	8⅜	8⅝	
National Discount "B"	9¾	10¼	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	13 5/16	13 9/16	
Royal of Canada	32½	36½	
Standard of South Africa	10¾	11¼	
Union of Australia	5⅜	6⅛	
Westminster Bank (£1)	78/6	79/6	

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 19.				
99	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	96½	97½	–1
108½	Belgian 7 p.c.	108	109	
31½	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	29½	30½	–1
85	Do. 5 p.c. Fund, 1908	84	85	–½
65¼	Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	62½	63½	–½
96¾	Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	95	96	
46	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	44½	45½	
77	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	75	76	
91	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gold	90	93	
41	Do Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	40	45	
29	Do. Tientsin Pukow 5 p.c.	27	32	
94	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	94½	95½	
98	Egyptian Unified	98	99	
27	French Loan 4 p.c.	26¼	26¾	
87¾	German 7 p.c.	92¼	93¼	+2¼
31	Greek 7 p.c.	29	31	
29	Italian Rentes	28	30	
71¾	Japan 6 p.c., 1924	70	71	
7	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	6	9	
7½	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	7	10	
	Peru Internal 7 p.c.	18	22	
1⅜	Peruvian Corporation	1¼	1½	
5½	Do. Pref.	5	6	
24	Do. Debs.	23	25	
79½	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	79½	80½	
58	Portuguese 3 p.c.	57½	58½	
	Spanish 4 p.c.	63	68	
8	Turkish Unified	7¾	8¾	

BRITISH RAILS.

30¾	Great Western	33½	34½	+½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	77	79	+2
13½	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	15¾	16¼	+½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	35	37	+1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	46	50	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	22½	24½	+1½
7½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	8¾	9¼	+¼
4¼	Do. Def.-Ord.	4⅞	5⅜	+¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	26	28	+1
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	15	17	+1
61	Metropolitan	61	62	+½
62	Do. District	62	63	
24	Southern Pref. Ord.	27¾	28¾	+1
8¾	Do. Def.-Ord.	10	10½	+¼
—	Do 5 p.c. Pref.	76	78	+1
18/0	Underground Elec. (£1)	18/10½	19/4½	+0/1½
—	Do. Income Bonds	102	107	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

12	Antofagasta Ord.	11½	13½	
15	Argentine G.W. Ord.	10	13	
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	47	51	–3
23	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	20½	22½	–½
9½	Buenos Ayres & Pacific	8½	10½	
16	Buenos Ayres and W.	14	16	
—	Canadian National Guar.	75	79*	
21	Canadian Pacific ($25)	20⅝	20⅞	+⅛
17	Central Argentine	15½	17½	
12	Do. Def.	11	13	
11	Central Uruguay Ord.	12	15	
1¼	Cordoba Central	1	2	
6½	Do. 1st Pref.	5	7	
3	Do. 2nd Pref.	3	4	
12	Entre Rios	10	12	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	21	25	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	92	95*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	92	95*	
—	Internl. of Cent. America	3	5	
12½	Leopoldina	12½	14½	
7/6	Mexican Rails	¼	¾	
20/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	1	2	
15/0	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	½	1½	
90	San Paulo Ord.	82	87	–2
3	United Havana	2	4	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	55	60	+1
—	Chicago Milwaukee New	1½	2½	
8	Erie	3	8	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	5	10	
—	New York Central	22	27	+2
—	New York Ontario	10	13	
—	Pennsylvania	18	23	
8	Southern Common	5	8	–1
—	Southern Pacific	20	25	
108	Union Pacific	98	103	

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

23/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	23/3	24/3	
56/6	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	56/0	57/0	–0/6
3/9	Brewers of Vancouver	3/6	4/0	
59/9	City of London Def. (5/-)	7/0	7/6	+0/3
42/6	Courage Ord.	42/6	43/6	
54/3	Distillers Ord.	54/9	55/6	
80/6	Guinness Ord. (£1 units)	80/0	8/10	+0/3
50/0	Hoare and Co.	47/9	49/9	–0/3
54/6	Ind Coope Ord.	52/6	53/6*	–0/3
53/0	South African Breweries	47/0	49/0	–2/0
—	Walker (John) Pref.	27/6	28/6*	
40/0	Watney Combe Def.	41/6	42/6	+0/6

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	68/9	70/9	
34/0	Charing Cross	33/3	34/3	
34/3	City of London	33/9	34/9	
50/3	County of London	50/0	51/0	+0/1½
—	Electric Supply Corp.	53/9	57/9	+0/3
—	Lancashire	29/6	30/3	+0/1½
33/6	London Electric	33/0	34/0	
43/0	Metropolitan	46/6	47/6	+0/3
27/9	Newcastle	29/6	30/6	
33/3	St. James's	32/0	34/0	
—	South London	32/6	33/6	
33/3	Westminster Electric	33/0	33/9	
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	¾	⅞	

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	21½	22½*	
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	12	13	
—	Com. Un. (£2½ paid)	20	21	
—	Eagle Star Ord. £3	13	14	
—	Employers £1 (5/- paid)	2⅜	2⅝	
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	15	16	
—	Guardian £3	11½	12½	
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£1 p.)	27¼	28¼	
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1¼ p.)	10	10½	
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	34	35	
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	17½	18½	
—	Phœnix £10 (£1 paid)	14	15*	
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	15½	16½	
—	Prudential	25¼	26¼	
—	Do. "B" £1 (4/- pd.)	2⅜	2⅝	+1/16
—	Royal Exchange	6¼	6¾	
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	7⅜	7⅞	
—	Sun Ins. £10	3 15/16	4 1/16	
—	Sun Life £1	5⅜	5⅞*	
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	7¼	7¾	

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

6/1½	Amal. Anthracite	7/6	8/0	
30/0	Babcock, Wilcox Ord.	41/0	42/0	+0/9
2/9	Baldwins	3/0	3/3	+0/1½
2/0	Brown (John)	2/0	2/6	+0/1½
7/0	Buell Combustion	6/4½	7/4½	
0/9	Cammell Laird	0/9	1/3	+0/1½
61/6	Cory (William)	62/6	63/6	+0/6
2/9	Dorman Long	3/0	3/6	
13/6	Guest Keen	14/9	15/3	
0/6	Pease and Partners	0/3	0/9	
23/6	South Durham Steel	23/0	24/0*	+0/6
14/0	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	15/0	15/6	+0/1½
7/0	Vickers Ord.	7/3	7/9	+0/1½

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

15/6	Argentine Land Invest.	¾	7	
9/0	Do. Southern Land	⅜	½	
—	Commodity Share Certs.	43		+¼
—	First Brit. Fixed Trust	32/0	33/0	+0/3
	Second do.	22/0	23/0	
4/9	Forestal Land	4/0	5/0	+0/1½
17/0	Hudson's Bay Ord.	16/9	17/9	+0/9
⅝	Hyderabad Deccan	9/16	11/16	
—	Internat. Invest. Certs.	46		
1/9	Pekin Syndicate	1/3	2/3	
28/0	Sudan Plantations	27/0	28/0	+0/9

NEWSPAPERS.

18/10½	Assd. Newspapers Df. (5/-)	19/3	19/9	+0/3
15/3	Allied News Ord.	15/0	15/6	
—	Amal. Press (New)	14/0	15/0	
34/3	Daily Mail Trust	34/6	35/6	+0/3
12/0	Daily Mirror Ord.	12/3	12/9	
—	Financial Newspapers	4/6	5/6	
32/6	Sunday Pictorial	32/6	33/6	

NITRATES.

23	Cosach 7 p.c. Ster. Bds.	24	28	
7/0	Cosach "B" Ord.	/0	0/6	
	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref. (£5)	7/0	8/0	

OILS.

M.U.—Dec. 19.				
—	Anglo-American	—		
13/0	Anglo-Ecuadorian	12/6	13/0*	+0/1½
1 19/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 17/32	1 21/32	+1/16
1 11/16	Anglo-Persian Ord.	1 27/32	1 31/32	+1/16
24/4½	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	25/6	26/6*	+0/3
23/4½	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	24/3	25/3*	+0/1
20/6	Apex Trinidad (5/ shares)	20/7½	21/1½	+0/1½
9/0	Attock	⅝	¾	
8/9	British Borneo Pet. (10/)	9/9	10/3	+0/1½
3/0	British Burmah (8/)	2/6	3/6	
3/9	British Controlled	3/9	4/0	
9/0	Do. Pref	9/1½	9/4½	+0/1½
1 31/32	Burmah	3 1/16	3 3/16	+3/32
29/6	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	30/0	31/0	
6/0	Canadian Eagle Ord.	3/1½	3/7½	
9/6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. ($3)	9/1½	9/7½	+0/1½
6/9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	6/3	7/3	
2/6	Kern River (10/)	2/3	2/9	
1 13/16	Lobitos	1 13/16	1⅞	+1/32
7/3	Mexican Eagle Ord.	7/1½	7/4½	
7/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	6/3	7/3	
7/6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref (4 pesos)	7/1½	7/7½	
6	North Caucasian (10/)	0/1½	0/6	
	Pan-American "B"	13	13	
11/3	Phoenix Oil	11/1½	11/7½	+0/3
6/3	Do. 1/- shares	5/9	6/3	+0/1½
18⅜	Royal Dutch	18¼	18½	+¼
2 15/32	Shell Transport	2⅜	2 7/16	+1/32
10⅞	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	10⅝	11⅛	
25/10½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref	26/6	27/0	+0/1½
8/9	Steaua Romana	8/3	8/9*	
2/10½	Tankers Pref.	2/3	2/9	
2/0	Trinidad Central	2/0	3/0	
2 9/16	Trinidad Leasehold	2 19/32	2 21/32	
1⅝	V.O.C. Holdings	1 19/32	1 21/32	
1⅝	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1 19/32	1 21/32	

RUBBERS.

9/0	Anglo-Dutch	9/3	
0/6	Anglo-Java	0/6	
6/3	Anglo-Malay	6/6	
1/6	Bukit Merjajam	1/3½	
0/3	Bukit Sembawang	0/3½	
5/6	Grand Central	5/6	
19/32	Highlands	11/10½	
6/0	Jugra Land	5/6	
1⅛	Kuala Lumpur	24/0	+1/0
⅝	Linggi	7/6	
17/32	London Asiatic	1/9	
10/0	Malacca	11/0	
	Malayalam	10/1½	
	Merlimau-Pegoh	0/7	
13/6	Rubber Trust	13/10½	+0/4½
5/16	Tandjong	6/6	
12/3	Tandjong Malim	13/0	
1 5/16	United Sua Betong	26/3	
6/3	Vallambrosa	6/3	

Allagar	0/6	Laras	0/3
Batu Tiga	7/6	Laras Deb	20
Bernam Per'k	0/2¼	Ledbury	½
Brit. I.G. Trst	14½	Manch'r. N.B.	2/6
Do. Pref	6	N. Hayoep	0/2¼
Broome Sel	2/6	N. Hummock	5/16
Chersonese	1/4½	P.P.K. (C'y'n)	¼
Cicely	1/9	Pataling	7/16
Eastern Trst.	12/6	Perak (2/)	1/1½
F.M.S. Plant.	14/4½	Rim Malacca	0/7½
Gen. Ceylon	9/32	Sedenak	13/32
Glenbervie	2/6	Soember Ajoe	1/2¼
Golden Hope	3/16	Sungei K'par.	1/3
Java Amal	5/0	Sungei Siput	0/4½
Kamuning	1/9	Taiping	0/7½
Kepitigalla	0/3	Telogoredjo	4/0
Kuala Sel	1/6	Yam Seng	0/10½

REFRESHMENT AND FOOD.

22/10½	Aerated Bread	22/6	23/6*	
24/6	Bovril Def.	23/6	24/6	
0/7½	Crosse & Blackwell	0/4½	0/7½	
16/4½	Home & Colonial (4/-)	16/4½	16/7½	+0/1½
29/9	Inter. Tea Ord. (5/-)	29/9	30/0*	+0/1½
22/9	Lovell & Christmas	21/0	22/0	+0/3
3 7/16	Lyons (J.)	5½	5⅝	+1/16
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	1 5/16	1 7/16	
3/4½	Maypole Def.	3/3	3/6	
12/3	Scribbans	12/0	12/6	
—	Do. Def.	1/6	1/9*	
30/0	Schweppes Ord.	1⅜	1⅝	
½	Smithfield Arg. Meat	9/32	11/32	

SHIPPING.

—	Cairn Line	4/9	5/0	–0/3
—	Cunard Ord.	7/6	8/6	+0/4½
—	Elder-Dempster 6% Pref.	0/0	2/0	
—	Furness Withy	16/9	17/9*	+1/0
—	P. and O. Def. (£1)	14/9	15/9	+0/9
—	Royal Mail Ord.	1	6	
—	White Star 6½% Pref.	1/9	2/3	–0/1½

TEXTILES AND ARTSILKS.

13/6	Bleachers	15/1½	15/7½	+0/1½
17/0	Bradford Dyers	17/0	17/6	
7/0	British Celanese Ord.	7/6	8/0	+0/7½
5/6	Do. Pref.	5/0	5/6	+0/3
14/3	Calico Printers	15/10½	16/4½	–0/1½
2 5/16	Canadian Celanese	2⅜	2⅝	+3/16
47/9	Coats	47/6	48/0	
1½	Courtaulds	31/3	32/0	+1/0
2	English Sewing Cotton	42/9	43/9	+0/4½
14/9	Fine Spinners	17/0	17/6	+0/4½
—	Linen Thread Ord.	24/0	24/9	–0/1½
12/6	Lister Ord.	11/9	12/9	
2⅛	Snia Viscosa	2 1/16	2 3/16	

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	⅝		Imperial	⅜	
Assam Co.	2/6		Jetinga Valley	⅝	
Assam Consol	15/32		Jhanzie	1 3/16	
Assam Front'r			Jokai	1 5/16	
Bog'wantlawa	1 15/16	–⅛	Jorehaut	1⅜	
Borelli			Kanan Devan	18	
Brahmapootra	1 11/16	–½	Lebong	2½	
Brit. Indian	1¼		Lungla	4/0	
Budla Beta	1¼	–1/16	Makum	1 1/16	
Ceylon Plant.	1⅛	–1/16	Moabund	1⅛	
Ceylon Prop.	1⅛		Nedeem	⅞	
Chargola			New Dimbula	2⅝	
Chubwa	⅝	+⅛	Nuwara Eliya	4¾*	
Chulsa			Ouvah	1 1/16	–⅛
Co. Tea & L.	6½		Peacock & Nil	1/0	
Darjeeling Co.	1¼		Pabbojan	2 5/16	
Do. Consol	1¼		Pundaloya	2	
Doundi	3/32		Rosehaugh Co.	¾	
Dimbula Val.	1⅝		Scottish Assam	1 1/16	
Dooars	¾		Scot. T. & Ln.	1 7/16	
Doom Dooma	1 11/16		Singlo	29/32	
E. Assam	1 9/16		Sumatra	9/32	
East Produce	1⅜		Travancore	1	
Empire	1⅜		Up. Assam	1	
Galaha Ceylon	1⅛				

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

26/0	Anglo-American Def.	25	27	
77½	Cables & Wireless 5½% Pf.	78½	79½	+1¾
27½	Do. 7½% "A" Ord.	28¾	29¼	+1¾
11¾	Do. "B" Ord.	11¾	12¼	+½
31/9	Marconi Marine	31/3	32/3	
7/3	Do. Canada	6/6	7/6	+0/6
—	Oriental Telephone	2 13/16	3 1/16*	
8	Radio Corporation	6½	8¼	+½
6	Do. Pref.	4½	6½	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

/10½	African and East. Trade	0/7½	1/1½	
27/0	Associated Cement	26/9	27/9	
17/6	Associated Electric Ind.	16/9	17/9	
—	Do. Lon. Flour Millers	20/6	22/0	
1/9	Baird Television Pf. Ord.	1/4½	1/7½	
13/0	Borax Con. Def.	12/6	13/0	
13¼	Brazilian Traction	13⅛	13 5/16	+½
5 1/16	British-American Tobacco	5 3/32	5 5/32	–1/32
1 3/16	British Aluminium	23/6	24/3	
3/6	British Inter. Pict. (5/-)	3/3	3/9	
29/0	British Match	29/0	29/6	+0/1½
2 15/32	British Portland Cement	2 7/16	2 9/16	
—	British Power and Light	1 3/16	1 5/16	
38/0	British Oil and Cake	37/0	37/9	–0/3
62/6	Callenders Cable	61/6	63/6	+0/3
5 13/16	Carreras	6 9/16	6 11/16	+3/16
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	7/0	8/0	+1/3
1/7½	Crystalate Gramo. Ord.	1/6	1/9*	
18/3	Dunlop Rubber	20/4½	20/10½	+0/9
11/3	Electric and Musical	10/6	10/9	+0/1½
13/6	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	15/3	16/3	
—	Electrical Supply	54/6	55/6	
—	Enfield Cable	88/9	90/9	+0/9
27/0	Ever Ready	28/0	28/6	
20/3	Ford Motor	17/9	18/9	–0/6
—	Gallaher Ord.	2⅛	2¼	
39/6	General Electric Ord.	38/0	39/0	
—	Harland Wolff Pref.	1/10½	2/4½	+0/1½
58/0	Harrod's Stores	57/6	58/6	
4/9	Harrod's (B.A.)	4/4½	4/10½	
6 1/16	Henley's Telegraph	6	6 3/16	+1/32
—	Imperial Airways	22/6	23/6	
4 13/16	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	4⅞	4 15/16	
13/9	Do. Canada	43/1	44/3	–0/3
23/6	Imp. Chem. Indus. Ord.	25/3	25/6	+0/4½
6/1½	Do. Def	6/1½	7/1½	+0/3
1¾	Internl. Holdings Ord.	1 7/16	1 9/16	
11⅝	International Nickels	11⅞	12⅛	+⅜
19/6	Johnson and Phillips	19/0	20/0	
28/0	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	27/9	28/3	+0/1½
38/3	London Brick and F.	39/0	40/0	–0/1½
2/10½	Napier Ord. (5/-)	3/6	4/0	+0/3
45/9	National Canning	2 7/32	2 11/32	
—	North American Co.	39	44	
—	Reckitt Ord.	93/6	94/6	
6/3	Roneo	5/16	7/16	
1¾	Salt Union	1 23/32	1 25/32	
—	San Paulo Tram Deb.	63	68	
13	Shawinigan Water Com.	12¾	13¾	
47/3	Spillers Ord.	47/3	48/3	
33/3	Do. Def.	33/0	34/0	
15/0	Swedish Match B	14/9	15/6	
59/3	Tate and Lyle	57/3	57/9*	
—	Tilling Ord.	54/9	55/9	–0/3
—	Tobacco Trust Ord.	3 9/16	3¾	
—	Do. Def.	3 9/16	3¾	
31/3	Triplex Glass	30/9	31/9	
35/0	Unilever Ord.	29/6	30/0	–0/1½
31/0	Do. (N.V.)	30/6	31/0	–0/1½
7/0	United Molasses	7/1½	7/7½	+0/4½
34/0	Wallpaper Def.	34/6	35/6*	
34/3	Wiggins Teape Ord.	35/0	36/0	
74/0	Woolworth Ord.	72/0	73/0	
26/10½	Do. Pref.	26/7½	27/1½	–1/0

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum. div. § Ex bonus.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Bovril 8 p.c. Pref. (9/9 paid)	3d. dis.-3d. prem.
Bowater Mersey 5½ p.c. Pref.	6d.-9d. prem.
Carltons Deb.	6¾-7¼ prem.
Godfrey Phillips Pref.	9d.-1/3 prem.
Metropolitan Water	1½-1 dis.
Mid-County Electric 4 p.c. Debs. (£30 paid)	3⅛-3⅝ prem.
South Africa 3½ p.c.	2¾-2¼ dis.
Southern New Debs.	par-½ prem.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES.

BIRMINGHAM.

Business still slow, but more movement in prices. Leyland rallied. Standards better. Fords and Rovers declined. Dunlops buoyant on report anticipations.

Austins	29/9	Lucas	77/6
Do. Prefd.	15/7½	Rileys	39/9
Bluemels	17/9	Rolls	45/3
Dennis	13/6	Rovers	3/1½
Enfields	8/6	Singers	7/3
Fords	18/1½	S.T.D.	1/1½
Guys	1/10½	Standards	39/6
Humbers	5/6	Triumphs	4/6
Leylands	22/6	Dunlops	20/6

MANCHESTER.

Textiles in better demand, and several advances recorded.

Bleachers, 15/3-15/6	Courtaulds, 31/3-31/9
Calicos, 16/-16/6	Dunlops, 20/3-20/6
Dyers, 17/3-17/6	Turner & Newall, 24/3-24/6
Cottons, 43/-44/-	Dobson & Barlow, 3/6-6/6
Spinners, 17/-17/6	Wall Paper Def., 34/6-35/6
"Slubbers," 6/3-6/6	
Coats, 47/6-48/6	
Velvets, 14/6-15/-	

BRITISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

G.W.R.—Past week, £537,000, inc. £82,000; 51 weeks to date, £23,841,000, dec. £2,324,000.
L.M.S.R.—Past week, £1,270,000, inc. £141,000; 51 weeks to date, £56,650,000, dec. £4,856,000.
L.N.E.R.—Past week, £904,000, inc. £95,000; 51 weeks to date, £41,318,000, dec. £4,552,000.
Southern—Past week, £463,000, inc. £54,000; 51 weeks to date, £19,026,000, dec. £1,374,000.

THE MONEY MARKET

LOANS INTO THE NEW YEAR.

In connection with the end of the year demand for money a further large amount was borrowed from the Bank of England yesterday. Loans into the new year commanded 1½ to 2 per cent., while short money was wanted at ¾ per cent. There was little doing in discounts and rates were steady at 1⅛ per cent. for "hot" Treasuries and 1¼ per cent. for fine commercial bills. China was a seller of silver, and the price further declined ⅛d. to 16⅜d. per ounce for spot and 16 7/16d. for forward delivery. Gold was quoted 2½d. higher at 123s. 11d. per ounce fine. About £170,000 was in the market and was taken by Continental buyers.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30). 2%.					
60 days (fine)	1 3/16	1 5/16%			
3 months	1 3/16	1 5/16%	Trade	2½	3%
4 "	1¼	1⅜%	"	2½	3%
6 "	1¼	1 7/16%	"	2½	3%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				¾	½%
" for a week				1	1½%
Deposit Allowance; Banks at Call					½%
" Discount Houses at Call					½%
" " at Notice					¾%

The pound, in terms of the chief gold currencies, remained fairly steady throughout the day in the foreign exchange market yesterday at the opening levels, but towards the close an easier tendency developed. Dollars finished 1¼c. dearer at 3.31½; Canadian dollars, however, failed to maintain the previous day's improvement, and were 1¾c. cheaper at 3.77½. Francs appreciated by ⅝fr. to 84 15/16, Swiss francs by 7½c. to 17.22½, and belgas by 5c. to 23.92½. The German and Dutch exchanges were both lower at 13 31/32 and 8.25½ respectively. Italian lire improved by 1/16 lira to 64 11/16, and pesetas by 1/16 pts. to 40⅝. In the Far Eastern group, the Japanese yen was ⅛d. cheaper at 15 1/16.

Centre	Dec. 29 Closing Rates		Dec. 28 Closing Rates		Par Exch.
New York	3.31⅜	3.31⅝	3.32⅞	3.33⅛	4.86⅔
Montreal	3.77	3.78	3.75½	3.76	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.24½	8.26½	8.28	8.29½	12.10
Berlin	13⅞	13 15/16	13.95	14.00	20.43
Brussels	23.90	23.95	23.95	24.00	35.00
Copenhagen	19.27	19.32	19.27	19.32	18.159
Geneva	17.20	17.25	17.28	17.32	25.2215
Madrid	40 9/16	40 11/16	40¾	40⅞	25.22
Milan	54⅝	64¾	64 15/16	65 1/16	92.46
Oslo	19.35	19.45	19.35	19.45	18.159
Paris	84⅞	85	85¼	85⅜	124.213
Stockholm	18.28	18.32	18.28	18.33	18.159
Alexandria	97⅝	97⅞	97⅝	97⅞	97.5
Athens	600	650	600	650	375
Helsingfors	227	229	228	230	193.23
Lisbon	109	110	109	110	110
Prague	111¾	112¼	112⅛	112⅝	164.25
Vienna	27½	29½ nom	27½	29½ nom	34.58½
Warsaw	29½	29¾	29⅝	29⅞	43.38
B. Ayres	41 13/16 nom		41 13/16 nom		47.577d
Lima 90 dys	18.70 nom		18.70 nom		17.38
Mexico*	10.62		10.55		9.76
M'video*	28	32 nom	28	32 nom	51 1/16
Rio de Jan.	5⅛	5⅜ nom	5⅛	5⅜ nom	5.899
Valparaiso	—		—		40
Calcutta	18 5/32	18 7/32	18 3/16	18 7/32	18d
Hongkong	—		—		—
Kobe (p.yn)	15	15⅛	15⅛	15¼	24.58
Shanghai*	19¼	20	19¼	20	—
Singapore*	27 11/16	28	27 11/16	28	28

*Rate quoted in London.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

FUNDS FIRM. BANK STOCK AND GUINNESS UNCHANGED. INDUSTRIALS CHEERFUL.

In Funds, 5 p.c. National Loan rose 1/16 at 105, and 4½ p.c. Third Loan eased ¼ at 104¾. 4½ p.c. Land Bonds gained 1/16 at 107 1/16, after 107¼, and ditto (small lots under £200) repeated 107. 3½ p.c. War Loan hardened 1/16 at 98⅞, ditto Deed ⅛ at 98⅞, and 3½ p.c. Conversion shed ⅛ at 98⅞. 2¾ p.c. Land Stock (1921) unchanged at 83⅞, and Sligo Harbour 4 p.c. Red. changed hands at 78.

Bank of Ireland unaltered at 281.

Distillers Ord. was 7½d. lower at 55s. Guinness repeated 80s., and Power Pref. 14s.

In Rails, Great Northern Ord. lost ⅛ at 4⅝, and Great Southern Ord. was ¼ better at 5⅝.

Alliance Gas unchanged at 11⅞.

Among Industrials Burke Debs. repeated 7, and Lever 7 p.c. Pref. 28s. 1½d. Calico Printers rose 4½d. at 16s. 3d., Coats 7½d. at 48s., the "B" Pref. 6d. a. 27s. 7½d., Courtaulds 10½d. at 31s. 6d. after 31s. 3d., Dunlops 9d. at 20s. 4½d., Chemicals 4½d. at 24s. 10½d., the Defs. 6d. at 7s. after 6s. 10½d., Imperial Tobacco 6d. at 97s. 9d. after 97s. 6d., Shells 9d. at 48s., and *Independent* Pref. changed hands at 21s. 3d.

"Other business done" will be found at foot of annexed table.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

5% National Loan (104¾) 105	Burke Deb. (7) 7
4½% Third Loan (105) 104¾	Calico Printers (15/10½) 16/3
4½% Land Bonds (107¼) 107¼ *1/16	Coats (47/4½) 48/-
Do. (small lots under £200) (107) 107	Do. B Pref. (27/1½) 27/7½
3½% War Loan (98⅞) 98⅞ *⅞	Courtaulds (30/7½) 31/3c 1/6c
Do. Deed (98) 98⅞	Dunlops (19/7½) 20/4½
3½% Conver. (99¼) 98⅞	Chemicals (24/6) 24/10½
2¾% Land Stock '21 (83⅞) 83⅞	Do. Def. (6/6) 6/10½ *7/-
Sligo Harb. 4% Red. 78	Imp. Tobac. (97/3) 97/6 *7/9
Bank Stock (281c) 281c	Independent Pref. (22/-) 21/3
Distillers Ord. (55/7½) 55/-	Lever 7% (28/1½) 28/1½
Guinness (80/-) 80/-	Shells (47/3) 48/-
Power Pref. (14/-) 14/-	Consd. 4% Ln. (Bearer) 106
G.N. Ord. (4¾) 4⅝	Patons & Baldwins 46/1½
G.S. Ord. (5⅜) 5⅝	
Alliance Gas (11¾) 11⅞	

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' rate (June 30, 1932)	3 %
Loans on Government Stock transferred	2½%
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1½%

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Ticket	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
Intermediate	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Account Day	Jan. 12	Jan. 26

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange moderately active. 3½ p.c. War Stock was done at 98⅜ and 98⅞, 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan at 99⅞. 4½ p.c. Guaranteed Bonds at 107¼, Nelson Steam Debenture at 102, and Ulster 5 p.c. 1950-60 Stock at 112⅜. In Bank shares, Lloyds Bank shares were done at 55s. 3d., and Midland Bank Parts at 8½. London Midland and Scottish Railway Ord. was done at 16. In Industrials, A. and S. Henry were marked at 9s. for business done previous day, Robinson and Cleaver Pref. brought 19s. 6d. A transaction in British-American Tobacco 5 p.c. Pref. at 24s. 6d. was recorded. Shell Transports changed hands at 47s. 10½d. and Courtaulds at 31s. 7½d.

CORK.

National Loan firmer, 105; War Loan done at 98⅞, Bank Stock repeated 281, Munster and Leinster buyers 97s. 6d., sellers 98s. 9d.; Great Southern Ord. 5⅜, Alliance Gas, 11⅞, Cork Corporation 1880 Stock buyers, 90, and 1928 Stock dealt in at 101; Guinness Ord. 80s. 3d., Harbour Board Irredeemable buyers, 70; Imperial Hotel Ord. sellers, 25s.; McCarthy Pref. sellers 65s., buyers 60s.; Ryan and Co. Pref. buyers 5¼.

FLIGHT "RECORD" BID ABANDONED.

UNLUCKY GERMAN AIRMAN'S EVENTFUL YEAR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

SOURABAYA, Thursday.

Captain Hans Bertram, the German airman, has left here for Hong Kong following the failure in his attempt to fly from Australia to England in seven days. Mr. Allen, his mechanic, is returning to Australia. It has been found impossible to repair Captain Bertram's aeroplane—which crashed while attempting to take off at Sourabaya two weeks ago—until spare parts arrived from Europe.

Earlier this year Captain Bertram was lost in the Australian Bush for nearly two months after making a forced landing on his flight from Europe. He and his companion, Herr Clausner, suffered great hardships before they were found by natives.

COMPANY NOTICES.

THE DISTILLERS' COMPANY (LIMITED).

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY and PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTERS of this Company WILL BE CLOSED FROM THIS DATE UNTIL the 12th JANUARY, 1933, inclusive, during which period no Transfer will be Registered.

W. DARGIE, Secretary.
12 Torphichen street, Edinburgh,
30th December, 1932.

LUNACY COSTS IN FREE STATE.

MENTAL HOSPITAL RETURNS.

COST PER PATIENT HIGHEST IN DUBLIN

THE Free State Department of Local Government and Public Health have issued to the committees of management of the district mental hospitals comparative returns of receipts and expenditure and average costs for the year ended 31st March, 1932.

The gross expenditure was £813,120, or £15,631 less than the preceding year. Excluding £60,636 expenditure on repayment of loans, the expenditure amounted to £752,484, as compared with £774,281 in 1930-31, a decrease of £21,797, although the average number of patients maintained increased from 17,409 to 17,549, an addition of 140

The receipts amounted to £863,574, of which £765,085, or 89 per cent., came from the county and county borough councils, who received from the Government by way of capitation grant £150,768. This reduced the sum to be raised locally to £614,317, which, in so far as it was leviable by county councils off agricultural land, would be met partly by the agricultural grant.

PAYING PATIENTS.

The principal receipts other than money transferred by the councils to the credit of the committees of management were £39,998 from paying patients, which is slightly less than the receipts from the same source in the preceding year; £21,440 from the British Ministry of Pensions on behalf of British ex-Service patients; £7,000 from the Government on behalf of criminal lunatics; £12,107 from the sales of farm and garden produce, and £8,563 was received from officers as contributions towards superannuation.

The major portion of the produce of mental hospital farms is not sold, but is consumed in the institutions, and so helps to reduce the cost of provisions.

COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The average cost of maintenance per patient, calculated on the gross expenditure less repayment of loans and miscellaneous receipts, was £41 8s. 11d. (or 15s. 10d. per week) in the district mental hospitals. In the Auxiliary Mental Hospital at Youghal the cost was £29 19s. 11d. (or 11s. 6d. per week). These costs are both less than the preceding year, when they were 16s. 5d. and 12s. 7d. per week respectively.

The cost per patient was highest in Grangegorman and Portrane (£47 10s. 11d.) and lowest in Castlebar (£31 11s. 1d.). In the following institutions the cost was above the average:—

	£	s.	d.
Grangegorman and Portrane	47	10	11
Mullingar	47	2	8
Portlaoighise	44	2	5
Carlow	44	0	5
Kilkenny	43	2	8
Limerick	42	18	2
Waterford	42	13	4

In the following the cost was below the average:—

	£	s.	d.
Castlebar	31	11	1
Killarney	32	17	1
Cork	37	8	10
Letterkenny	37	12	11
Clonmel	37	14	5
Monaghan	38	0	1
Sligo	39	18	6
Ennis	40	2	0
Enniscorthy	40	3	8
Ballinasloe	40	19	4

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.

The average cost per patient in the district mental hospitals under the principal heads of expenditure was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries and wages	17	11	10
Provisions and groceries	10	0	6
Fuel and light	3	3	6
Superannuation	2	9	8
Clothing	1	19	2
Repairs and alterations	1	4	4

Under the remaining heads (bedding, furniture, medicines, washing materials, water supply, stationery, tobacco, etc.) the cost was in each under a pound per patient.

Repayment of the principal and interest on outstanding loans came to £3 10s. per patient in the district mental hospitals and £1 12s. 9d. in the auxiliary mental hospital.

DEPRESSION LEADS TO SUICIDE.

MAN'S DEATH FROM POISONING.

The inquest on Albert Richards (42), a groom, of Northampton, who should have appeared at the police court on Wednesday morning to answer a charge of theft, but died while the court was sitting, was held at Northampton yesterday.

The widow stated that he had been poorly for some years. He was very depressed on Monday night. He told her he did not think he would live over the morrow. She told him he would be all right in the morning.

A doctor attributed death to hydrochloric acid poisoning.

It was stated that Richards had been unemployed for some time and had become very depressed, the more so since the charge had been made. He had written a letter to the chief constable expressing his regret for the offence, which was his first.

The Coroner entered a verdict of suicide by poisoning while temporarily insane.

MOTHER AND CHILD IN CANAL.

When the inquest was opened at Bootle, Lancs., yesterday, on the woman and her 15-months-old baby whose bodies were recovered from the Leeds-Liverpool Canal on Tuesday, dragging operations were still in progress in an effort to recover the body of another child. The inquest was on Mrs. Annie Johnston, of Litherland, and her daughter Edna.

Joseph Johnston, a dock labourer, said that when he married his wife in 1919 she was a widow with two children, aged 20 and 17. "By my marriage we had three children, the eldest being twelve," he said.

"When I returned home on December 9 the eldest son, Ronald, told me that mother and the two children had gone out. Later I found £10 had been taken from an unlocked kitchen sideboard."

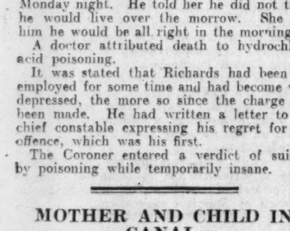
Johnston said he thought that his wife had got into financial trouble. In August last she got into debt, but that had been settled. She did not drink.

A verdict was recorded of death from drowning, there being not sufficient evidence to show how they got into the water.

CO-OPERATIVE SALES.

It is announced that sales by the Co-operative Wholesale Society for the quarter ending October 8 amount to £19,510,000, a decrease of nearly £19,000. Supplies from productive works increased to £5,720,000. Productive departments at Newcastle-on-Tyne and Manchester were slightly lower, but the London branch improved. Special donations were recommended for the Edge Green, Leigh and Cortonwood disaster funds and the Malton typhoid fund.

Failed to Notify Accident.—At Belfast Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. H. Toppin, R.M., and other magistrates, Samuel Beattie, of 202 Leopold street, was convicted of failing to report a motor accident in which he had been involved, and in which another person had received injury, and was fined £2, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. Head-Constable Ganly prosecuted, and there was no appearance for the defendant.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

PLANS FOR DUBLIN MEETING IN JULY.

ARRANGEMENTS for the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, which will be held in Dublin from the 21st until the 29th of next July, already have been well advanced, and the Leinster branch, who extended the invitation to the Association to hold the meeting here, are looking forward to a very successful conference.

A Reception Committee, with Dr. T. G. Moorhead as President, Sir William Taylor Chairman, and Surgeon M. O'Malley Vice-Chairman of the Surgical section, has been appointed to take charge of the entertainment of the delegates, and the Government is arranging for an official reception of the visitors.

The headquarters will be in the Mansion House, which has been kindly lent by the Lord Mayor. There the exhibition will be housed, and members will register, receive tickets for the various entertainments and excursions, and rest, read and write.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The proceedings will begin with the annual representative meeting, which will be held at the Royal Dublin Society's premises at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, the 21st July. The members will be able to obtain lunch and tea on the premises and have the use of the lounge. The Representative Body will be engaged virtually all that day, and on Saturday and Monday. The Council will meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning in the Royal Dublin Society's premises. At 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning two religious Services will be held. Members attending will wear their robes, and after the Services the exhibition in the Mansion House will be opened by the President-Elect. Before lunch the annual business meeting will be held at the Royal Dublin Society's premises, and in the same premises the adjourned annual meeting will take place. Delegates will be received, and the President will deliver his address.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday meetings of the Scientific sections will be held in the Medical School of Trinity College and in the National University. The museum in the Anatomy School, Trinity College, will be open from Tuesday to Friday.

SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS.

The sections which will meet at Trinity College and the National University are as follow:—Diseases of Children, Dermatology, Medicine, History of Medicine, Medical Sociology, Neurology and Psychological Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynæcology, Ophthalmology, Orthopædics, Oto-rhino-laryngology Pathology and Bacteriology, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Physiology and Biochemistry, Public Health, Radiology and Surgery.

RECREATIONS.

The representatives' dinner will be held on Friday, 21st July, and on the following evening an entertainment for the representatives and their wives will be given in the Royal College of Physicians. On Sunday there will be an excursion to County Wicklow, with lunch at Glendalough and tea at Greystones, and on Monday there will be a special performance in the Abbey Theatre, while Tuesday will be devoted to the President's reception. There will be a garden party in the Zoological Gardens on Wednesday afternoon, and on the same evening the Government will entertain the visitors at a reception in Dublin Castle.

On Thursday afternoon honorary degrees of Dublin University will be conferred on a number of distinguished visitors, and later there will be a garden party in the College Grounds. On Thursday, also, the Association's annual dinner will be held.

Many fixtures have been arranged for Friday. These include an at home at the Rotunda Hospital, visits to Guinness's Brewery, to other places of interest, and to some of the hospitals. On Friday evening the members and ladies will be entertained by the University College at a reception, and excursions are being arranged for Saturday.

Golf competitions will be held during the course of the annual meeting, and, as the Ulster Cup has been won outright, the President-elect is presenting another cup, to be called the Leinster Cup. This cup will be competed for on conditions similar to those of the Ulster Cup competitions.

The ladies accompanying the members will have, as the ladies' club, the house of Lord and Lady Iveagh in St. Stephen's Green, and many attractions are being arranged for them, such as at homes, receptions, golf and tennis, excursions, sight-seeing, cards, and a race meeting.

FORMER VISIT.

The Association last met in Dublin in 1887, under the presidency of Sir John Banks, and last met in Ireland, at Belfast, in 1909, under the presidency of Sir William Whitla. The meeting next July will be held under the presidency of Professor T. G. Moorhead, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. The present President is Lord Dawson of Penn. The Secretaries of the forthcoming annual meeting are Dr. Shanley and Professor Bigger, and the Treasurers are Professor O'Kelly, of the National University, and Alderman Hubbard Clark. The Association consists of about 35,000 members, and there are about sixteen sections.

The members are organised in branches and divisions, covering virtually the whole of the Empire, and visitors are expected from all parts of Europe, America and the British Commonwealth.

The *British Medical Journal* of December 3rd, commenting on the meeting, observes that, whatever may be the opinion of doctors as citizens of one country or the other, neither their loyalty to their country nor their adherence to a party will be endangered by their acting as hosts or as guests at the Association's Dublin meeting in July, 1933.

MAN EXECUTED IN DUBLIN.

Patrick McDermott, of Rosmoylan, Co. Roscommon, who was sentenced to death for the murder of his brother, was hanged at Mountjoy Prison at eight o'clock yesterday morning by Pierpoint, the British executioner.

About one hundred people were outside the prison when the official notice of the execution was posted on the gate a few minutes after eight o'clock.

At the inquest, conducted by Dr. O. J. Murphy, a verdict was returned that death was due to hanging, the hanging being in the interests of justice.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. E. SAYERS.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. E. Sayers, of 18 Grosvenor square, Rathmines, Dublin, took place yesterday to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin. The late Mr. Sayers was fifty-nine years of age, and was for thirty-five years Agency Clerk to Messrs. Franks and Oulton. He was a well-known member of the Masonic Order, and associated with the Leinster Lawn Tennis Club and the Rathmines Bowling Club.

The Rev. W. W. Duggan, Rector of Harold's Cross, officiated.

Among those present were:—Miss Annie Sayers (sister), Captain B. S. C. Thomson, Messrs. R. W. Oulton, J. G. Oulton, R. W. MacNeice, W. M. Cunningham, D. G. Philippe, J. T. Parker, J. C. Bardon, E. A. Ingram, Wm. Steel, J. Nixon (Lodge 730), G. N. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Forrest, David W. Allen, Lewis Fudger, Reginald Craig, T. Knaggs Craig, T. W. Little, Mrs. F. Carr, Mrs. C. Ashton.

SPENT ALL HIS TIME IN BED.

A man of twenty-nine who spent all his time in bed and refused to get up was sent to prison for a month at Liverpool yesterday for neglecting to maintain his family. He was Joseph Grandy, of Comlet street, and Mr. G. Clark, prosecuting, said that he would not get up to draw the "dole" or relief. Officials from the relief offices had pleaded with him to go to the offices to sign declarations, but he refused to budge. They always found him in bed. At length the police had to make him get up.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Bart., M.P., has been elected Chairman of the National Gallery Board in succession to Lord Lee of Fareham.

Woman's World

"It's my old girl that advises. She has the head. But I never own to it before her. Discipline must be maintained."—Bleak House (Dickens).

WHEN "MISS PARIS" WALKS IN THE BOIS DE BOULOGNE.

CHIC WHITE GLOVES NOW RETURNING TO FAVOUR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

THE charming silhouette of the Parisienne at its very best in the Allée des Acacias and in the Avenue du Maréchal Foch. One, therefore, takes one's morning stroll in one's newest and smartest get-up muffled up in furs—fur at the throat, fur at the wrist, fur at the elbows, fur at the hips, and anywhere else one likes—chins snuggled in high, wide collars, and the lengthening skirts flared above ankles clad in an absurd haze of stocking, usually flesh colour. The gloves worn are generally of the mousquetaire pattern, with long cuffs adorned with insertions of leather in a contrasting tone, lined with velvet or embroidered silk.

These fancy gloves are worn with town suits and formal dresses, but with a practical plain suit, simple tawny gloves, matching the shade of the suit are best.

White gloves have come back into fashion again. In my humble opinion, nothing looks so smart with a dark tailor suit as a pair of immaculate white kid or white suède gloves. A white choker collar and a black satin tie are smart accessories.

Taffeta and Moire.

French designers have a fondness for the fringed ruching made of taffeta with which some of the prettiest frocks, particularly for girls, are trimmed. Some evening gowns of unusual design in taffeta are made severely plain and given distinction through an embroidered *motif*, some of these are extreme in pattern and size, extending from shoulder to hem or in large *plaques* on the skirt or bodice, or both. Quite lovely was a little model in rose-grey taffeta, the skirt embroidered in a large spider's web in floss, and gathered to the waist, full at the sides and back.

The frilly frock of tulle is having a merry revival this season, and some of the dressmakers have made some especially dainty frocks of the *jeune fille* type.

Moiré is having what, in the theatre, would be called a "run." This is now made in a lighter, softer weave than the stiff moiré that once was tested by the quality that would "stand alone."

Very handsome gowns of dignified simplicity are cut after simple designs. Some of the best are in Princess style, and with little trimming.

By the way, a novel trimming for a black moiré evening frock, the skirt of which was composed of two wide flounces, was *toile ciré*. This is cut into two-inch wide bands, and borders the flounces. The *décolletage* of this gown was pointed back and front, the waistline was normal, and in the belt a red, red rose gave a glorious touch of colour.

Hat-Shopping Hints.

When you are buying one of your new season's hats you must look to your coiffure. If you are going in for a new tricky *chapeau*, the coiffure has to be half of it. It must be a union. Hair-dressers are being warned that they had better take their cues from the new millinery modes, and that does mean something to the woman if she wants her head to look the money she is putting into the autumn chapeaux.

So when you go hat-shopping you had better have your hair coiffé the way you are going to wear it. Or, after your purchase, take your hat over to the hairdresser, and ask what can be done about it.

For this is how the well-dressed head is going to be. Suppose you purchase a turban with a half-cycle brim. Then you must, of course, have a crescent line to your coiffure; or, suppose you are going to wear a close-fitting velvet turban tight over the right ear, the hair showing on the left side must look a soft velvety texture, and be waved in large elegant waves; or maybe you are going to choose one of the new "gob" brims, with a bow over the left eye. Just beneath that bow the hair needs a stiff curl. Cut-out turbans, turned-up brims, or one-sided effects in hats, give hair an additional prominence. Consequently hair cannot be considered a thing apart from the hat. Certain type hats will call for a sculptured hair-dress to give the head a good outline.

FUN IN READING ALOUD.

REVIVING AN OLD PASTIME FOR THE HOME CIRCLE.

DEAR MARY,—Surfeited with the Christmas festivities, we were seated in the family circle, as I was about to write this letter, a thoroughly bored company. Wireless failed to relieve the tedium, and we could not mutually agree upon a pastime.

As I began to write the profound silence was broken by a bored voice, saying: "I wish I had a decent book to read."

"Shall I read aloud?" I asked brightly—a suggestion that made even the half-asleep sit up in horror; for wireless (or, I should say, its indiscriminate use) has banished the art of reading aloud.

However, I persisted, "I could read you something amusing."

"Nothing is more boring," said several members of the family at once, "than a funny book, and to read it aloud is torment."

Unconscious Humour.

I maintained that unconsciously-funny books had to be read aloud to be properly enjoyed, and recalled distant days when we had shouted with laughter over a sixpenny "Guide to Genteel Letter Writing."

The opposition weakened at that recollection. Had I anything suitable? I had. I spent Christmas Eve prowling in secondhand bookshops and bought "The Making of the Home: A Reading Book of Domestic Economy for School and Home Use," published about 1900, and designed for use by "the lady teachers in elementary schools," where "if I were a home-maker I should want the children taught not only the usual three R's—namely, 'reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic,' but I should want them taught"—not geography, not history, nor sewing, not Irish, not French, but—"three other R's besides, and those would be 'regularity, reasonableness and reverence.'"

Reverence, we learned, teaches "the simple modest manner that turns a woman into a lady."

Other gems of domestic economy are:—

The bed should be of iron . . . domestic vermin do not like iron houses; they choose wooden things in which to make their homes."

"It is a sad thing to see some homes on washing days: by loss of temper . . . the house-maker forfeits the right to her name and descends by the steps of bad temper from her throne of Queen of Hearts and home-maker to the lower level of housekeeper.

Art and the Growing Lad.

"Pictures are very influential neighbours, especially for the growing lad. If the framed woman who has looked out on him, through his scrapes and over his pleasures ever since he can remember, has gentle or upturned eyes and a modest manner, his standard of women has unknowingly been helped to higher ground by that artist's work.

I wish I had time to ben you further quotations—Chapter headings from Milton and Mazzini, Ruskin, Spurgeon and William Morris, bishops, doctors and—Cicero!

At the end of an hour the family voted reading aloud, "a valuable accomplishment, and one which might well have been added to the list of pleasures when we talked of the best ways of getting recreation."

Yours,

AILEEN.

WOMEN WILL GLITTER.

SEQUINS COMING INTO FASHION AGAIN

IT is going to be a glittering New Year for women's fashions, according to Orry Kelly, the Hollywood style creator, whose job is to keep always a little ahead of existing modes.

"Fashion's watchwords in the New Year," he declared in an interview with Reuter, "will be glitter, glamour and gaiety. Everyone will be buying shimmering materials, such as sequins, gold and brass metallic trimmings and beading. Copper will be a popular colour.

"There will be whole capes and jackets covered in sequins.

"Another new fancy will be a large safety-pin in silver or nickel, to be worn in scarves.

"Striped velvets in brilliant colours will be used for evening dresses."

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WASSAIL

Here are two recipes for wassail, as used in the royal kitchen in the year 1630.

Take some ale and set it on the fire to warm, then boil a quart of cream with two or three whole cloves, and have the yolks of three or four eggs dissolved with a little cream. The cream being well boiled with the spices, put in the eggs, stir well together, and pour into the ale. Have sops or sippets of fine manchet or French bread, put them in a basin and pour in the warm mixture, with some sugar and thick cream on that; stick it well with blanched almonds, and cast on cinnamon, ginger and sugar, or wafers and comfits.

The second method was: Boil three pints of beer or ale, beat six eggs, whites and all, and put them to it; set it in a pewter pot to the fire, add some roasted apples, some sugar, some beaten nutmeg, some beaten cloves, some beaten ginger, and being well brewed, drink it whilst hot.

NOVEL SLEEVES.

A slim, straight afternoon coat in a Bordeaux-red. The corsage and the front of the skirt have an interesting inset section. The sleeves are novel, and a taffeta scarf in black and scarlet gives a splash of colour.

MORE CARRAGEEN RECIPES.

CARRAGEEN CREAM WAFERS.

2 oz. of Butter (or Margarine).
¼ Cup of Carrageen.
The white of one Egg.
3 Teaspoonfuls of White Sugar.

Soak Carrageen in cold water for ten minutes. Strain and pick over. Boil Carrageen for ten minutes in one gill of water. Strain while hot, and pour the strained liquid on to the other ingredients. Beat well for five minutes. When cool spread between wafer biscuits.

CARRAGEEN DRINK.

¼ Cup Carrageen.
Juice of one Lemon.
Juice and Rind of one Orange.
1 Quart Water.
1 oz. Sugar (or more to taste).

Soak Carrageen in cold water for ten minutes. Strain and pick over. Boil for thirty minutes with the other ingredients. Strain through wire strainer while hot and serve when cool.

CARRAGEEN FAIRY CAKES.

¼ lb. Sugar.
¼ lb. Butter or Margarine.
2 Eggs.
¼ lb. Ground Rice.
1 Teaspoonful Baking Powder.
¼ lb. Flour.
Grated Rind of Orange.
Juice of Orange.
¼ Cup Carrageen.

Boil ¼ cup of Carrageen in water for ten minutes. Strain off water and cream the Carrageen with sugar and butter (or margarine). Add eggs beaten and mix well together. Add the ground rice, flour and baking powder, grated rind, and lastly stir in juice of orange. Drop mixture into greased patty tins and bake in moderate oven for about fifteen minutes.

NOTE—For measuring Carrageen use a small cup and press down.

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NEW YEAR BARGAINS IN THE SHOPS.

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AFTER the Christmas presents, the New Year bargains! This is the season of sales.

They say that the reason why Scotland celebrates the New Year more joyously than it does Christmas is because the presents are cheaper. A gross libel, of course, but still. . . .

The fact remains that, whatever you want, this is the time to buy. For the next few weeks there will be good fields for the bargain-hunters, with "reductions" in almost everything that is sold, except the things that are a matter of day-to-day purchase—and, after all, are we not all bargain-hunters? The lure of a bargain is universal.

Particularly is this so to-day, when, after touching the pit of cheapness, prices are on an upward curve, soaring rapidly. It may be that this year's sales will be the cheapest for many a year.

However, it is not considerations such as these that appeal principally to the average hunter for bargains, and the women in particular. For them the sales scramble, coming along periodically, is a rich adventure, which can be pursued with a zest such as shopping in normal times could never inspire. The scurry and surge of the crowds, the thrill of pouncing upon a hitherto undetected treasure, the race for possession, all are part of the romance of sales.

If you do not believe this, try it for yourself. The chance has come; for Dublin is just being plunged into the grip of sale fever.

Among the sales in progress are:—Brown Thomas and Co., Grafton street; Todd, Burns and Co., Ltd., Mary street; Edward Lee and Co., Ltd., Mary street, and branches; Slyne and Co., Grafton street; Keilett's, South Great George's street; Boyer's, North Earl street; Hickey's, North Earl street; E. and W. Seale, Westmoreland street.

Sales starting next week are:—Switzer and Co., Ltd., Grafton street; Clery and Co., Ltd., O'Connell street; Pim Brothers, Ltd., South Great George's street; McBirney and Co., Ltd., O'Connell Bridge; W. Holmes and Co., South Great George's street.

The sale at J. J. Nicholl's, Ltd., Exchequer street starts to-morrow.

RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN DUBLIN.

£10,000 ANNEXE FOR PELLETSTOWN.

At the meeting of the Dublin Board of Assistance yesterday, Mr. C. Mulvey presiding, the Relieving Supervisors reported that for the week ended last Saturday 7,563 cases had been relieved at a cost of £4,446 2s., this being a decrease of 83 cases and £89 15s. 6d. in cash, compared with the previous week, and a decrease of 69 cases, but an increase in cash of £243 8s. 6d., owing to the increased scale, compared with the corresponding week of last year.

An intimation was received from the Free State Minister for Local Government and Public Health that he had decided to make a grant to the Board under the Public Charitable Hospitals (Amendment) Act, 1931, towards the cost of the new medical annexe at the institution for mothers and children at Pelletstown, and that the grant would be paid in instalments as the work proceeded.

Mr. J. E. Condon, the Clerk, stated that the new building would cost about £10,000.

The Board "noted" the letter, with thanks.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Medlar, seconded by Mrs. Fitzsimons, a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor, Dr. R. McLaverty, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent; Doctors Peppard, Farrell and Coonay, Miss Barmingham, Matron; Miss Maher, Secretary to the Resident Medical Superintendent; Mr. Blackburne, Assistant Relief Supervisor; Mr. Judd, and all other officials, and the artistes who assisted in making the entertainment to the children in the institution on St. Stephen's Day such a success.

WOMAN RESCUED FROM DROWNING.

GRATUITY FOR DUBLIN MAN.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board, at its meeting yesterday, granted a gratuity of £5 to Thomas McCaffrey, of 35 Peter street, Dublin, for rescuing Mrs. Thompson, of 5 Cambridge avenue, Dublin, from drowning in the Alexandra Basin on St. Stephen's Day.

Mrs. Thompson is the wife of the chief steward of the steamship Kenbane Head. She was visiting her husband on board the boat at the Dublin Dockyard Company's wharf, when the accident occurred. On reaching for the hand-rail at the top of the gangway she fell into the dock, and but for the promptness of McCaffrey in jumping in and holding her until both were rescued by a boat, she would have been drowned.

Mr. Walter Baird, chairman, presided, and wished all the members a happy New Year.

GARAGE TANK EXPLOSION.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Newcastle yesterday at the resumed inquest on Thomas McCourt (19), of Preston, who was killed in an explosion at a garage on December 7.

He and others were engaged on work at a petrol tank with 1,000 gallons capacity. There was five was five gallons of petrol in the tank, and liquid oxygen had been released into it for pressure tests.

McCourt was blown through the roof of the garage, and was found badly injured twenty yards away.

The Coroner said that it was fortunate the jury were not inquiring into a number of deaths, as the evidence showed that the explosion, although of short duration, was of a very serious character.

McCourt was in very poor light, and that might have been an incentive to him to use artificial light, such as from a petrol lighter, which he was known to possess, and which was never found after the explosion.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 26. Jubilate, 27. Litany. Hymn, 643. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Unaccompanied Service. Psalm, 129. Magnificat. Nunc Dimittis. King in F. Anthem, "The snow-white dove," Brahms.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Hymn, 504. Litany. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Iloran in G. Anthem, "O, how amiable," Richardson.

FASHION HINTS.

IT takes two to change an outline—one to invent something new and the other to wear it. One rather doubts whether the people who matter will consent to bury their slimness and what is left of their youth under frills and godets and things.

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In clothes, as in everything else, one takes things for granted. We wear a thing because everybody else does. We don't want to know *why* it is worn, but only *how* it is worn.

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Evening Dresses may have a "flare," "godets," and acute "bell," or, perhaps, a deep "slash" below the knees.

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A pretty fashion for evening dress is a narrow velvet or tinsel ribbon passed high above the throat, the very long ends tied under one ear in hanging loops to fall over one bare shoulder.

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The ribbon sash is being revived, and the Paris dressmaker is looping it in a cascade of bows down one side of the dress.

DOGS' HOTEL IN AUSTRIA.

The Austrian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has launched an insurance scheme for the benefit of animals, with the slogan: "If you die, your dog will be all right."

Animal lovers are invited to pay either £35 down or £4 a year, in return for which (says Reuter) he can be assured that, after his death, his pet dog, cat or bird will be well looked after. A "dogs' hotel" is being built in the country in connection with the scheme.

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LIME MARMALDE.

1 dozen limes.
1½ lb. sugar.
3½ pints water.

Squeeze the juice from the limes and shred the rind finely. Add the water, put in a saucepan, and boil very gently until the rinds are tender. The time required is 50 minutes to 1 hour. Add the sugar, and boil for about 7-10 minutes, or until the preserve sets when tested on a cold plate. This recipe produces about 3½ lb. of marmalade.

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LIME-PINEAPPLE JAM.

1 pineapple of average size.
¼ pint water.
3 limes.
2 lb. sugar.

Cut up the pineapple finely into small pieces, or shred it, taking care not to lose any of the juice. For this reason it is advisable to cut it up on a china plate. Put it into a saucepan, add the lime juice, then shred the skins of the limes as finely as possible. Add ¼ pint of water to the pineapple, and simmer gently until the fruit is tender. The time required is about 40-50 minutes. Then add the sugar, bring to the boil, boiling for about 10 minutes. Test for jelling; if necessary, continue boiling a little longer until a good set is obtained. This recipe produces 3 lb. jam.

WHAT IS "CANNELON"?

SOME LITTLE KNOWN TERMS USED IN COOKERY.

SOME puzzling terms are used in cookery, and the housewife who wishes to reproduce at home the tasty dishes she has eaten in a restaurant, with only the menu to guide her, should memorise, or keep for reference, the following guide:—

Au gratin.—Dishes prepared with sauce and crumbs, and baked. Erroneously thought to apply to dishes with cheese in them.

Bechamel.—A rich white sauce made with stock.

Bisque.—A purée made of shell-fish.

To Blanch.—To place any article on the stove until it boils and then plunge it in cold water. Used to whiten poultry, vegetables, etc. To remove the skin (as of tomatoes and almonds) by immersing in boiling water.

Bouchées.—Very tiny patties or cakes. As the name indicates, mouthfuls.

Bouillon.—A clear soup, stronger than broth, yet not so strong as *consommé*, which is "reduced" soup.

Braise.—Meat cooked in a closely-covered stewpan so that it retains its own flavour and those of the vegetables and flavourings put with it.

Brioche.—A very rich, unsweetened French cake, made with yeast.

Cannelon.—Stuffed, rolled-up meat.

Consommé.—Clear soup or *bouillon*, boiled down till very rich, that is "consumed."

Croquettes.—A very savoury mince of fish or fowl, made with sauce into shapes, and fried.

Croustades.—Fried shapes of bread on which to serve minced or other meats.

Fondant.—Sugar boiled and beaten to a creamy paste.

Fondue.—A light preparation of melted cheese.

Fricassée.—An entrée with a white sauce, usually of veal, poultry or rabbit.

Marinade.—A liquor of spices, vinegar, etc., in which fish or meats are steeped before cooking.

Matelote.—A rich fish stew with wine.

Méringue.—Sugar and white of egg beaten to a sauce.

Miroton.—Cold meats warmed in various ways, and dished in circular form.

Purée.—This name is given to very thick soups, the ingredients for thickening which have been rubbed through a sieve.

Remoulade.—A salad dressing differing from mayonnaise in that the eggs are hard boiled and rubbed in a mortar with mustard, herbs, etc.

Soufflé.—A very light pudding, steamed or baked.

Vol-au-Vent.—Minced meat in a very light puff paste, cut oval or round.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

MISSING CLOCKS.

(BEFORE MR. LITTLE.)

Bernard Flood, Temple street, Dublin, motor driver, was charged with stealing two clocks, value 15s. each, from motor cars belonging to John J. Cahill, and a clock of the value of £3 from a car the property of Thomas Kavanagh.

Detective Officer Madden said that when the charges were read over to the defendant he said that they were correct.

Flood was remanded on bail until Thursday next.

Mr. P. H. O'Brien appeared for the defendant.

GAS-METER MONEY.

John Murphy, described as an ice-cream vendor, Portland place, Dublin, was charged with having stolen 9s. 2d. from a gas-meter in his kitchen, and with having at the same time damaged the meter by breaking the lock of it.

Sergeant 10C deposed to having arrested Murphy on the charge of stealing the money, which was the property of the Gas Company.

The Justice said that the money did not become the property of the Gas Company until they had collected it. Like other trades, the company took risks, and as the defendant had put the money in the meter it remained his property until it was collected by the company, who then acquired the ownership of it. In these circumstances, he could not deal with the larceny charge, and refused informations in regard to it. For having damaged the meter the defendant would have to enter into a bond to be of good behaviour and would have to pay compensation to the company.

The defendant entered into bail, and was discharged from custody.

TOO MUCH FREE MONEY.

Mr. Little, remarking on the number of cases in which excessive drinking figured, said that the conduct in Dublin for the past week was a notable departure from the peace of the city. The amount of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour had been in excess of what had been known here for many years. There was too much free money going, which was easily got. That was the only explanation, and the streets on Christmas Night in many directions were a scandal. It was quite obvious that there had been no parallel to it for many years.

SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM LLOYD'S.)

HOME MOVEMENTS.

Wexford, from Wexford, arrived Newport December 24.

Kyanite, from Dublin, arrived Newport December 26.

Meta, from Viborg, arrived Glasgow December 28.

Gregalia, for Vancouver via Liverpool, left Glasgow December 28.

Winga, for Gothenburg, left Glasgow December 28.

Orlock Head, Hamburg for Belfast, passed St. Catherine's Point December 28.

Parknasilla, Ayr for Poole, passed Prawle Point December 28.

Regis, Rouen for Blyth, passed Dover December 28.

Ellanus, from Dublin, passed Dover December 28.

Sard, from Waterford, arrived Barry December 25.

Elyingdale, from Cork, arrived Barry December 26.

Kinross, from Birkenhead, arrived Barry December 27.

Duchess of Bedford, for New York, left Liverpool December 28.

Corleen, of Belfast, passed Prawle Point December 28.

Montrose, bound Belfast, 850 miles west Malin Head December 28, 7.20 p.m.

Guttfrid, bound Londonderry, five miles south-west Laud's End December 28.

Clairion, bound Manchester and Belfast, 175 miles west Malin Head December 29.

Orlock Head, for Dublin, passed Lizard December 29.

President Harding, Queenstown for Hamburg, passed Lizard December 29.

Lady Martin, of Dublin, passed Dover westwards December 29.

Beauly, passed Barry Island westwards December 28.

Craigolive, Newlyn for London, passed Beachy Head December 28.

Annaghmore, for Padstow, left Blyth December 28.

Cushendall, from St. Servan, arrived Llanelly December 24.

Ribblebank, from Dundrum, arrived Liverpool December 28.

Corrib, from Antwerp, arrived Garston December 27.

Shell Mex No. 1 passed Dover eastwards December 29.

Orland, Rotterdam for Cork, passed Beachy Head December 28.

Kenbane Head, from Dublin, arrived Newport December 28.

Foynes, for Fowey, passed Lizard December 28.

Kilrea, Rouen for Cardiff, passed Lizard December 28.

Alcira, from Glasgow, arrived Ayr December 28.

Torr Head, Jacaro for Liverpool, 180 miles west-south-west of Fishguard December 28, 8.57 a.m.

Baron Douglas, bound Belfast, 300 miles south-west Land's End December 29, 7.38 a.m.

Montalto, from Fecamp, arrived Port Talbot December 28.

Dorrien Rose, for Rouen, left Port Talbot December 29.

Yorkbrook, Rotterdam for Cork, passed Lizard December 29.

FOREIGN MOVEMENTS.

Sulairia, for Glasgow, left Halifax December 27.

Vancouver City, Belfast for Vancouver, left Panama Canal December 22.

Doric Star, for Dublin, left Los Angeles December 24.

Cold Harbor, for London, left Halifax December 27.

City of Antwerp, from Dublin, arrived Flushing December 27.

After swimming in the Corporation Baths in the Eastern district of Hull yesterday, Douglas Ellison Brown, the fifteen-year-old son of the Rev. T. E. Brown, superintendent minister of the Methodist Church, Fountain road, was found in a collapsed condition in the dressing cubicle. He died shortly afterwards.

IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

A Dublin Round Table : Memories of The Dolphin.
Pearls from Mussels : An Irishwoman at Oxford.

Miss Enid Starkie.

MISS ENID STARKIE.

I was glad to see Miss Enid Starkie at Leopardstown meeting the other day, and, in spite of a bandage over her eye, quite recovered from her recent accident at Oxford. Miss Starkie is Lecturer in French Literature at Oxford, and has her charming little flat there, where she receives her Irish friends when they visit the University. Last year Miss Starkie spent a good deal of time in France, as she was working on a book on Beaudelaire, which is now ready for the publishers. A few weeks before Christmas she went out hurriedly to post a letter, and was knocked down by a 'bus. She was brought to hospital by a Flight Lieutenant, who found her unconscious on the road, and she remained so for twenty-four hours. She says, however, that she feels little the worse of the accident, and believes the three weeks in the nursing home to which she was removed was a much-needed rest. She is at present recuperating on a holiday at her home in Dublin. Miss Starkie is the daughter of the late Dr. Starkie, a former Commissioner of Education in Ireland.

A Dublin Round Table.

The recent death of Mr. James Brady reminds me of a circle of public men who used to meet at the centre table in the "Dolphin" smokeroom daily to discuss all kinds of local and national topics over their coffees and cigars. The *doyen* of the party was Alderman William Cotton, M.P., and the lawgiver was Alderman John Clancy; but the "life" of the party was Councillor James Brady, whose vigorous and loveable personality always involved lively, and occasionally slightly acrimonious, discussions. In those pre-war days the veteran journalist, Mr. Charles Hands (who, I am glad to know, is still an occasional visitor to the Savage Club), was a frequent figure in Dublin, which he described as "a suburb of the Dolphin."

Dublin's journalism in the group was represented by the late Henry Doig, whose vivacious satire was the delight of all his friends. I hear that Senator James Moran, in intervals between his frequent world tours, still enjoys his coffee and Corona-Coronas at the old "centre table" with Mr. Vincent Brady and a few other old friends.

Social Ties and Party Divisions.

My friend adds a tribute to the social *camaraderie* of the old circle when he tells me that it remained unbroken during more than one of the many "splits" in Irish politics. Due, no doubt, very largely to his long personal friendship with, and affection for, Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. Brady became prominently associated with the movement which Mr. William O'Brien led against the Irish Party, as supporters of Mr. Lloyd George's Budget, in 1909. Himself a candidate—in opposition to the Irish Party—for the Harbour Division of Dublin in the 1910 parliamentary election, Mr. Brady never failed to turn up in the enemies' camp at the coffee table whose *personnel* was predominant Redmondite. During the post-luncheon friendly half-hour the chaff was fast and furious, with Alderman Cotton, then the official Nationalist candidate for South Dublin, and with another member of the group who was an official Unionist agent in the same contest. My friend's hope, which I share, is that the acerbities of to-day's party division may continue to be tempered by the same kind of social bonds.

Pearls from Mussels.

A correspondent writes:—In reply to a paragraph which appeared in the Diary some time ago, I should like to draw attention to the important fillip which fresh-water mussel pearl-collecting received about the middle of the last century from a Swiss gem dealer called Unger, who lived in Edinburgh. In the course of his business Unger was much struck with the beauty of some of the pearls he received from the Scottish rivers, and his practical mind at once turned to some means of utilising these rarities. At that time there was only one professional pearl-fisher in the whole of Scotland, and his stock was bought chiefly by the Marquis of Breadalbane. M. Unger, however, began to travel extensively among the peasantry, inciting them to take up the new business, and giving them encouragement by purchasing at good prices the gems they had already obtained.

A New Industry.

The result of this was that soon there were many hundreds of "pearlers" where there had been none before. The gems were often of a delicate pink hue, and were readily bought by the rich and noble of the day. Unger played fair with his workers, and gave good prices for their treasure-trove. In many districts the peasantry made quite large sums by their exertions, and in one year M. Unger estimated the pearls found to have been worth nearly £10,000 to the seekers, whereas four years before that on his first tour all he could buy amounted to a bare £40. Where the water was deep large iron rakes were employed to drag out the shells, and in this manner many valuable pearls were procured. The rivers which yielded this harvest were the Forth, Doon, Teith, Tay, Spey, Earn and many others, and some of the larger lochs gave promise of rich store of gems.

In Irish Rivers.

The Irish and Welsh rivers are very rich in pearls, and some of the Cumberland waters, particularly the Irt, are quite famous. There has been a certain amount of over-fishing, however, and the supply is far from being what it was a half-century ago. Also the demand for such gems seems to have greatly abated. There is little doubt that a skilful mussel-farmer could make something of systematic mussel-farming somewhat on the same lines as that carried out upon the pearl oyster at Michimotu in Japan, where the oysters are artificially implanted with foreign substances, around which the pearl is eventually deposited. We have the streams, the mussels, and, alas! the poachers; so I fear that, unless the proprietor is able to defend his stock, the scheme will be doomed to failure from the start. One has only to look up the old records to see the esteem in which Irish pearls were held formerly and one's mouth waters at the descriptions of the gems yielded by our streams and lakes.

Smoking in 'Buses.

An unsuccessful application to the court the other day by a citizen who objected to smoking in Manchester's Corporation 'buses leaves one to reflect upon one of the really remarkable changes which modern transport has effected. One can only speculate about the kind of public outcry which a relaxation of the non-smoking by-law in our tramcars would have produced ten or twenty years ago, when the smoker was banished, regardless of weather conditions, to the uncovered seat on the roof. To-day such is the value of "gradualness" in re-arranging our habits, the thousands who would have raised a vigorous outcry against the infringements of settled habits quickly accept, and even seem to enjoy, the proximity of "My Lady." Perhaps, the most remarkable feature of the change is the practical absence of the old spitting habit which, though it has not yet been altogether banished in some parts of the country, is almost a thing of the past in Dublin and other cities.

QUIDNUNC.

WHEN THE LAW IS AMUSING.

FUN IN AMERICAN STATUTE BOOKS.

Perusal of the statute books of some Southern American States furnishes some amusement. At the same time this pastime gives cause for pleasant meditation on obsolete styles and customs of the land below the Mason and Dixon line.

The laws themselves are obsolete in that they are no longer enforced.

As the proverb warns people who live in glass houses, Tennessee law says persons in that State should not throw stones. It all started back in the days when small boys had a *penchant* for pegging rocks at boats from the banks of the Mississippi. The miscreant youths with an accuracy of aim annoying to steamboat skippers took advantage of Southern good nature once too often, it seems, and the Legislature legislated against stone-throwing, whether at steamboats or anything else.

In Tennessee it is also a misdemeanour for a miller to grind grains for customers out of turn, while one must not haul cotton after dark.

If you have a high hat do not wear it in a Louisiana theatre; for examination of that State's code discloses a statute under which a theatre proprietor may be punished for allowing a patron to wear such headgear in the audience. It is also against the law in that State for a lady to let a hatpin protrude more than half an inch from the hat crown unless the point is shielded. Hatpins and *chapeaux* requiring them are a rarity, but the law stands.

Wives may be whipped in Georgia under common law, but husbands are forbidden to wield sticks larger than their fingers.

In Arkansas a law provides that he who swears profanely shall forfeit one dollar per swear.

Most States have anti-duelling laws, but Alabama goes a step further to seal the peace by prohibiting publication of statements that so-and-so is a coward because he refused to accept a challenge to fight.

Mississippi has a puzzler—a law there requires trains meeting at a crossing to halt, "neither to proceed until the other has passed." Nothing is said about which train is to proceed first. Mississippi trains, however, manage to be on time.

Tennessee has an amusing contribution from its musty law archives in a statute providing that a man getting drunk on Sunday would be fined 62½ cents. The fine for imbibing on any other day was just half the Sunday penalty.

GRAND DUKE'S WIDOW LOSES ESTATES.

VALUABLE POSSESSIONS IN POLAND.

The Countess Brassoff, who was the morganatic wife of the late Grand Duke Michael of Russia, has lost her lawsuit to retain the Zagorze property, in the district of Czentochowa, Poland, which is valued at £500,000.

The District Court of Czentochowa, which first heard the case last June, has now declared that the Countess Brassoff has no right to the property. It will remain the property of the Polish Government, which has already made large investments there.

The estates involved include a number of model farms, a small town named Klobucko, and a large building which is considered the finest house in Czentochowa.

By the Court's decision Countess Brassoff must also bear all the costs, which amount to £225.

VALUE OF PRESS ADVERTISING.

LORD MAYOR'S TRIBUTE AT PRIZE DRAWING.

To celebrate the establishment of the firm, a drawing for £100 in cash prizes took place in the furniture galleries of Messrs. McBirney and Co., Ltd., O'Connell Bridge, Dublin, yesterday. A considerable number of ticket-holders attended, and the company was represented by Mr. J. J. Murphy, chairman of the board of directors; Messrs. J. Donnelly and J. R. Ramsey, directors; Mr. M. O'Leary, managing director; Mr. P. E. Green, secretary, and Miss Lochner. Alderman A. Byrne, T.D., Lord Mayor of Dublin, presided and drew the first three prizes.

Mr. J. J. Murphy, in thanking the Lord Mayor for his attendance, mentioned that the firm of McBirney and Co., Ltd., was Irish right through. It had been established a century ago by a well-known Dublin family in Christchurch place, and succeeded so well that it was transferred to its present location seventy-five years ago. Since then the business had grown so much that the premises were five times their original size.

He thanked the public for responding to the directors' invitation to participate in the draw, and said that he was glad to say that the Christmas trade had been a "record" for McBirney's. This, no doubt, was partly due to the prize drawing, but also to the fact that the firm always gave good value, and would continue to do so in future.

The Lord Mayor, before drawing the numbers of the first three prize-winners, said that he was glad to be associated with a firm that had a century of enterprise behind it and was still doing its best to give good value to the public. He congratulated the firm especially on the success of its Christmas trade, and attributed this to the enterprising manner in which they had advertised in the newspapers. There was no better medium of advertising. The daily and evening papers of Dublin were well read, and he felt that the success of the firm was due to its enterprise in using that method of advertising.

The forty-five minor prizes were drawn by Miss Lochner, who was thanked for her services by Mr. J. J. Murphy.

The winning numbers appear in our advertising columns.

"MUSICAL CHAIRS."

On January 9th, at the Abbey, Dublin playgoers will have an opportunity of seeing "Musical Chairs," by Ronald MacKenzie. This playwright, who was unanimously hailed by the critics as one of the most brilliant dramatists of this generation, was killed in a motoring accident in France at the age of 29. His play was then in the early stages of what proved to be the longest run of this year's London season. Mr. MacKenzie's adventurous life enabled him to break away from the conventional setting of Cowan, Van Druten and Lonsdale. The action of his humorous and poignant play takes place amidst the oilfields of Poland. Rich in character and witty in dialogue, this production of Shelah Richards is one which no playgoer should miss.

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND DANCE.

The second annual dance in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund will be held in the Officers' Mess at Baldonnel Aerodrome on Thursday, 5th January, 1933, when a large attendance is expected.

The dance is under the patronage of Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence, and many prominent people will be present.

The music will be supplied by George Hornsby and his band, of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

SHOOTING TRIP IN THE SOUDAN.

The Duke of Gloucester, the King's third son, who leaves to-day for a two months' shooting trip to the Soudan, spent a busy last day in London yesterday in final preparation for his journey. He said good-bye to the King and Queen at Sandringham Wednesday and motored to Buckingham Palace, where he stayed last night.

Soon after breakfast yesterday the Duke left the Palace for a shopping tour in the West End to buy various details of equipment. Among the purchases he has made for the expedition are many hundred feet of cinematograph film. The Duke, keen shot as he is with a gun, takes an equal delight in securing good "shots" at game with his hand cinema camera. Guns, tents and other heavy baggage are already on the way to Africa on board the s.s. Staffordshire.

MANY VARIETIES OF GAME.

The Duke is travelling overland to Marseilles, where he will join the vessel. Another important item in his luggage is a big game book. A first class marksman, the Duke is methodical and keeps a full record of every shoot.

During his two months tour he will have a change at scores of varieties of game, including buffalo, elephants, gazelle, giraffe, hartebeest, hippopotamus, leopards, lions and rhinoceros. Captain E. W. Brook, the big game hunter, is accompanying the Duke. He was with him in Africa in 1930 and on other hunting expeditions.

The Duke, who leads the life of an ordinary serving Army officer in England—he is a captain in the Hussars—enjoys the freedom and the rough and ready life of a hunter on "safari."

He is taking no elaborate equipment with him. The luggage which will be carried on trek through the game areas has been cut down to the minimum and the Duke has personally supervised every detail. He and the party will occupy three first class cabins in the Staffordshire. They are expected back in England at the beginning of March.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIER'S NEW SUCCESS.

PARIS TO SAIGON IN A LIGHT AEROPLANE.

In a 'plane no more powerful than a large car, René Lefevre, the trans-Atlantic airman, has flown from Paris to Saigon (French Indo-China), covering the 8,388 miles in 9 days 9 hours and 20 minutes.

René Lefevre flew the Atlantic with Captain Assolant and M. Lotti. They were obliged to land on the Spanish coast because the weight of a stowaway prevented them from reaching France. Since that time he has devoted himself to the development of light 'planes.

Lefevre was competing for the cup offered by the President of the Republic for a flight from Paris to Saigon in less than a fortnight on board a single-seater weighing less than 1,200 pounds of French construction. His Mauboussin 'plane was fitted with a 45 h.p. Salmson engine, not more powerful than that of a big car. Lefevre has already accomplished a flight from Paris to Madagascar and back on a similar 'plane. He hopes to make the return journey from Saigon in eight days.

OLD CONTEMPTIBLES' ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF DUBLIN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Dublin Central Branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association was held at the Red Bank Restaurant, Dublin, last night.

In the course of his statement on the work of the branch during the year, the Chairman (Mr. A. T. Ashman) said that the year 1932 had been the most successful year the branch had had since its formation in 1929. The membership had increased, the various commemorative ceremonies held during the year had been well attended by the members, and on the social side, in addition to the monthly smoking concert, a most successful annual dinner and concert had been organised. Continuing, the Chairman said that, with regard to the ex-Service men's houses, everything possible had been, and would continue to be done for the members; the branch secretary was a very hard-working officer in the interests of the members, and he had never lost an opportunity of pushing the just claims of the members.

Concluding, the Chairman said that he wished to thank all for the support given so wholeheartedly during the year, and that if they continued to stand together during 1933 as they had done in the past, as far as the Association was concerned they had nothing to fear.

WORK BEING FOUND.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Benson) spoke on the question of unemployment of members, and said that a number of members had found employment through the efforts of the branch and that they were still making efforts to find work for others.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. Mulhern) spoke on the financial position of the branch, which he said was sound.

Mr. J. Poulton proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and committee, and the wives of members who had assisted at the various social functions.

Election of officers for 1933:—Chairman, Mr. A. T. Ashman; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Egan, M.M.; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Benson; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. Warner; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Mulhern; trustees, Major W. Bruen, O.B.E., M.C., and Mr. J. Holland; auditors, Mr. J. Townsend and Mr. J. Ward; committee: Messrs. J. Poulton, J. Mapother, E. Brennan, W. Ellis, P. Hines, H. Higgins.

PRINCE MICHAEL IS TOO FAT.

SPECIALIST ADVICE FOR HEIR TO RUMANIAN THRONE.

Reports that specialists have been consulted about the health of little Prince Michael, the eleven years old Crown Prince of Rumania, are current in the highest medical circles in Bucharest.

It is feared that some very strict *régime* may be necessary to prevent him from growing too fat. The general opinion is that simple dieting and exercise will not be sufficient.

The boy is unusually stout for his years, and in particular is rather heavy about the legs and ankles.

His special physical director has been giving him a series of exercises, based on the Swedish system, especially designed to make him lighter on his feet and increase the speed of his reflex action, but progress seems to have been too slow to satisfy the palace authorities.

THE BLACK HAND GANG.

BURGLARS WHO LEAVE "THEIR COMPLIMENTS."

It was revealed yesterday that thieves in Leicester who leave messages signed, "With the compliments of the Black Hand Gang," have broken into factories and business places on more than twenty occasions during the past fortnight. The operations of this mysterious gang have been mostly in the Crown Hill district of Leicester, where nearly sixty robberies and attempted robberies have taken place in the last two months.

Householders in this district are terrified. Wilful damage has been done to factories where the thieves could find no money.

Dogs have been enticed away and never seen again.

Mr. Ottey, a builder, of Sidwell road, Leicester, has had his premises broken into five times in the last two weeks, and each time he found on the desk of his office a typewritten message, which read: "With the compliments of the Black Hand Gang."

The gang in their five raids on his premises have stolen money, smashed windows and typewriters and committed other damage.

On Wednesday night five detectives kept watch in the Crown Hill district, but nothing happened.

Tact In The Home.

DOCTOR'S HINTS FOR HUSBANDS.

DR. JAMES FENTON, Medical Officer of Health for Kensington, yesterday told women public health officers attending a winter school in London that "fathercraft" had a lot to commend it to their attention.

He asserted that, although many men had no objection to visiting their own clubs, they thought a woman's place is in her home.

Then he added: "But men are quite as reasonable as women when once they understand the position."

"It seems to me," he said, "that in some ways a man is well fitted to undertake part of the work we are discussing; but, while he is well fitted for it, there are not many who have the time and opportunity to do so. There are not many who can be brought up to scratch."

Talking of the relations between the husband and wife, Dr. Fenton said: "The wives do not want the men to wash up or scrub floors, but they do want them to be able to help when their health makes it necessary.

"Another lesson we must teach is that a man's work is no more laborious than that of a woman, and it is probably much less monotonous. He is no more entitled to a spare evening than his wife is.

WIFE'S EVENING OFF.

"It is the duty of working-class fathers to look after the children in the home while the mother goes out shopping or out for an evening. A free evening in the week makes a woman a hundred per cent. better wife and mother." (Laughter.)

"I do not believe men are naturally selfish in their relations with their wives. I think the fault is as much with the wife as it is with the man. It is traditional.

"In spite of all your modern ideas of equality, man is the stronger vessel. It is true that a tactful wife can get her own way in the house in every direction. (Laughter.)

"She has much more skill in managing the man than the man has in managing the female. Yet when an important decision has to be made, it is still the man who has the last word.

"Good fathers are not born, but made—and made by themselves."

VIEWS ON MARRIAGE.

Dr. Fenton gave the following views on marriage: "When a man puts his bride into a new home he thinks he has done a wonderful thing. But for the young wife the first year can be a very sad one.

"She has got the man she wanted, and the new home, but there are many things she has had to give up which at first count tremendously."

In these things Dr. Fenton included the companionship of her fellow-workers, the money she formerly spent on herself, and the opportunity of discussing feminine things as only two women can discuss them.

Dr. Fenton added: "Husbands must be taught that dinners have a habit of going all wrong just when a wife wants them to be all right. The last thing a man should say in these circumstances is: 'I shall never forget my mother's pastry.' (Laughter.)

"It is not always possible to give a wife pocket money, but men do want to remember that things wear out and need replacing

"When, if a wife wants silk stockings, it is no good saying that woollen stockings last twice as long. Let her have some silk stockings.

"It is futile trying to reason with a woman on a matter of clothing. No man could possibly convince her that what she wants is not the best thing for her to have.

"Men must encourage their wives to look pretty at all times. A man must not forget to tell his wife occasionally that she does look pretty. She will probably tell him not to be silly. But what woman does not like a little flattery sometimes?"

LONG VOYAGES IN LITTLE SHIPS.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY LECTURE.

Lieutenant-Commander Dixon's lecture to a juvenile audience at the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, yesterday, was just such a lecture as children love to hear.

Taking as his subject, "Long Voyages in Little Ships," Commander Dixon described, with the aid of lantern slides, a number of epic voyages, from that of the Viking ship of Eric the Red, which went from the Orkneys to Greenland and thence to America, and that of Columbus's ship, which followed the north-east trade winds to America five hundred years later, down to the Fastnet racing yachts of the present day which have been "round-the-worlders" or else have made notable Atlantic trips.

Of all the voyages made by little ships, or, to use a term that would be more correct in this case, little boats, said Commander Dixon, the voyage made by the James Caird, the lifeboat of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, was the most wonderful. He described how the Endurance was icebound in the Antarctic, pushed back and forth as the ice around it packed itself up during the winter, and was finally abandoned before being crushed. Shackleton, with Worsley, Creen and two other men, dragged the James Caird across the ice, camping during the journey on the floes, until they reached Elephant Island, on the fringe of the Antarctic continent.

RESCUE PARTY.

From there they sailed in the small boat to South Georgia, a distance of over five hundred miles, which lasted sixteen days, and Shackleton in his diary described the absolute darkness which prevailed, with not a star in the sky, and "the sea as black as the heavens." On reaching South Georgia they travelled over glaciers, hitherto unexplored ground, to get to a whaling station on the west coast to send a rescue party back to their companions on Elephant Island.

What was probably the earliest form of sextant was described by Commander Dixon when he dealt with the Polynesian savages, who, in Columbus's day, were making voyages even more wonderful than his. They used the "sacred calabash," which consisted of half a cocoanut shell with four holes around it. This was filled with water, and the eye applied to one of the holes. After crossing the Equator they would find the Pole Star, and, as they got further north, every night the Pole Star would be a little further up in the sky. When the high priest saw it "kissing the lip" of the sacred nut, that indicated that it was nineteen degrees up in the sky, which was the latitude of Hawaii.

"HOGARTH" PAINTING DISCOVERED.

TAKEN FROM ENGLAND A CENTURY AGO.

An old picture, almost hidden by dust and varnish, which is believed to be the work of William Hogarth, has been discovered and taken to Sydney by Mrs. Tom Garrett, wife of a well-known Australian artist.

The owner's grandfather brought the picture to Australia from England about 1840, and a newspaper cutting from a Tasmanian paper at that period announces the arrival of the family, and the inclusion of a Hogarth oil-painting in the heirlooms. This newspaper cutting still exists, and may be regarded as evidence when Mrs. Garrett visits America with her find early next year. It is her intention to place it on the market there.

London records seem to point to the disappearance of a similar canvas about one hundred years ago. William Hogarth was born in 1698, and died in 1764. He was recognised as one of the greatest artists of the century, but frequently left his pictures unsigned. This painting bears no signature.

It is presumed that the picture is of Martha, Mary and Jesus. Should it prove to be a genuine Hogarth, its value in a suitable market may be very great (says Reuter). A portrait of Anne Wolstenholme by Hogarth was sold in London by Christie's on December 12th, 1930, for £2,257 10s.

THE MAIL BOAT SERVICES.

CHANGE OF SAILINGS POSTPONED.

The chairman of Dun Laoghaire Borough Council (Mr. E. C. Smith) has received definite information from the Free State Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (Senator Connolly) that the contemplated change in the running of the mail boats by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company between Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead, which was timed to start on New Year's Day, has been postponed for three weeks.

The deputy manager of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company will be in Dublin to-day for a special interview with the Free State Minister for Industry and Commerce. The points at issue will be fully discussed, and pending a decision on the matter the company has decided to postpone the alteration for the period stated.

On the 21st inst. a deputation, comprising Mr. E. C. Smith, chairman, Dun Laoghaire Borough Council, with Deputies Brady, Curran and G. O'Sullivan, Councillors J. M. Devitt and M. P. O'Donnell, Mr. P. J. Hernon, borough manager, and Mr. J. T. O'Brien, secretary, Irish Tourist Association, waited on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to protest against the proposed alteration in the running of the mail boats, which, it was stated, would cause inconvenience and loss of trade.

The case for the L.M.S. Railway Company was subsequently presented by M. J. M. Irwin, Irish traffic manager.

From the fact that the alteration has been suspended for three weeks, pending full consideration of the matter, it would seem that the work of the deputation was effective.

MR. J. ALEXANDER'S HOUNDS.

SECOND ANNUAL HUNT BALL.

The second annual hunt ball of Mr. J. Alexander's Hounds took place at Desart Court, Co. Kilkenny, the residence of Lady Kathleen Pilkington, on Wednesday night.

Major H. H. Watt, M.F.H., and his United Hunt Band, supplied the music, and the catering was carried out by Mrs. Lawlor, Naas.

Among those present were:—Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Desart Court, Kilkenny; Mrs. Somes, Desart Court, Kilkenny; the Earl and Countess of Ossory, Kilkenny Castle; Mr. John Alexander, M.F.H.; Captain J. E. St. George, Kilrush House, Freshford; Captain, Mrs. and Miss Prior Wandesford, Castlecomer House; Major Dermot McCalmont, M.C., M.F.H., Mount Juliet; Lady Bellew, Commander McDermot, Mr. Ken. Alexander, Miss Goff (Waterford), Dr. B. W. and Mrs. Farrell (Castlecomer), Chief-Superintendent J. Murphy, G.S. (Waterford); Mr. A. G. St. George, Rev. J. E. B. White, Miss Cooke, Captain Toler-Aylward, Captain R. B. and Mrs Gahan (Castlecomer), Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Quin (Dublin), Lieutenant T. A. Beresford, R.M.; Miss Brown-Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. George Statham, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Barnardo (Dublin), Superintendent P. Glynn, G.S. (Kilkenny); Major Wise, Mr. R. J. Nolan and Mrs. Nolan, Miss L. Dwyer (Dublin), Mr. and Mrs. P. Duggan (Cunisnag House); Mr. D. Mulcahy (Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary), Mr. R. J. Mulcahy (Rathmines, Dublin), Mrs. McMurrough-Kavanagh, Miss McGuire (Dublin), Mr. J. Murphy (Ashfield), Miss Murphy (Club House Hotel, Kilkenny), Mr. and the Misses Gabbett, Mr. P. Hayes, Mr. M. Gibbon, Mr. L. Richardson, Mr. R. Cahill (Ballyconra), Mr. R. E. Gabbett, Mr. R. Purdon (Lodgepark), Mr. G. G. Butler, junr., and Miss Butler (Marden Hall), the Misses D. and A. Poë (Archersgrove, Kilkenny), Mr. G. D. Millet, Mr. G. Fenton (Grangepark, Carlow), Mr. Townsend, Mr. R. Keogh (Carlow), Miss M. Fenton (Carlow), Miss Keogh (Carlow), Miss Leigh-Doyne (Carlow), Messrs. M. and G. Doyne (Ardeen, Shillelagh), the Misses D. and C. Doyne (Ardeen), Miss Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Ponsonby, Mr. P. F. Hayes, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Springfield, Messrs. D. E. C. and R. E. Price, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. and Miss Seigne, Mr. Bazley and Miss Olive, Mr. J. and Mrs. McClintock, Mr. Macartney-Filgate, Mr. Bruen, Mr. R. Murdock, Miss Dunne, Mr. Stern, Miss Gibson, Miss Whiteside, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Corother, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Silcock, Miss P. Loftus, Miss Graham, Miss Palmer, Mr. Springfield, Mr. French, Miss Jeffaries, Mr. Douglas, Mr. F. Warren, Miss Dunphy (Callan), Miss Murdock, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Barry, Mr. J. L. Kerwick, Mr. Mansergh (Tipperary), Mr. Stronge, Mr. G. Angel (Longfield, Cashel), Mr. S. A. Armitage (Thurles) and Mrs. Armitage, Miss P. Marshall (Kilkenny), and Mr. D. Eccles.

ORIENTAL WOMEN'S CLAIMS.

LOST TENDERNESS AND PITY IN THE WEST.

The view that European women have become "too civilised" was expressed at a meeting of the Congress of Women of the Orient at Teheran, which was attended by representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and Persia.

It was contended that because European women have become too civilised they have lost most of the tenderness and sentimentalism which nature gave them.

Oriental women, not so civilised, continue to enjoy such gifts of nature as tenderness and pity more fully.

Women of the West were stated to think that material things are more important, and, therefore, to disdain to pay attention to their human sentiments.

It was maintained that morally the Oriental woman had an incontestable supremacy over the woman of the West.

CAFE CONCERT SINGER'S DEATH.

PATHETIC PERFORMANCE HIS LAST.

Vorelli, a well-known café concert singer before the War, and a popular figure on the French variety stage, has just died in Paris in somewhat tragic circumstances.

He was appearing at the European. He was suffering from a carbuncle on the neck, but made light of it.

"I can't turn my head, but I can still sing," he told a sympathetic audience, and forthwith he sang the sentimental songs into which he put so much conviction and candid simplicity.

Fragson's famous "*Je connais une blonde*" brought the house down, but Vorelli had taxed his strength too much and had neglected what he thought to be a slight indisposition.

His death reminds one forcibly that the café concert of pre-war days has completely disappeared in Paris.

NEW MARRIAGE "RECORD."

DIVORCE STEPS THE DAY AFTER THE WEDDING.

Elinor Fair, the film actress, flew to Yuma (Arizona) on Wednesday, and was married to Mr. Thomas Daniels, of Philadelphia. Yesterday she announced that she had made "just a big mistake," and wished to get divorced and re-married to an air pilot who "stunts" for the "movies."

The actress has now opened negotiations with her attorneys to get her marriage knot undone, so that she can marry Frank Clark, the air pilot, with whom she was formerly friendly. She declared that Frank Clark still wanted to marry her, and that she had been in love with him all the time.

The comment of Mr. Thomas Daniels on the affair is not recorded.

Elinor Fair, who is thirty, was formerly the wife of William ("Bill") Boyd, the film actor. She made her first screen appearance in 1916, after training in Europe.

ON THE WIRELESS

VARIETY.

MISS GRACIE FIELDS will take part in an hour of variety in the National programme to-night at 8 o'clock. Other artists in the programme will be Max Miller, the comedian; Ann Penn, who will give a number of impersonations; Muriel George and Ernest Butcher, who will sing folk songs and duets; and Harry Welchman. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra will play during the programme, under the direction of Mr. S. Kneale Kelley.

Two works of Edgar Leslie Bainton, the English composer, will be played in the choral and orchestral concert in the Belfast programme at 9.50. The first will be "The Dancing Seal," rendered by the Radio Chorus and the Belfast Wireless Orchestra. The second piece will be "The Vindictive Staircase," a descriptive piece, also for chorus and orchestra, which is a musical version of a ghost story. The story tells of the adventures of the apparition of an old char-woman which haunts a large residence.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

DUBLIN.
8.35—Carl Hardebeck (piano). 9.5—Station Sextet.

BELFAST.
12.0—Herbert Westerby (organ). 4.0—Eileen Ervine (contralto), Stuart Redfern (violin), and the Belfast Wireless Orchestra.

NORTH REGIONAL.
8.0—John Armstrong (tenor) and the Roth String Quartet. 9.15—Excerpts from Light Opera.

NATIONAL.
9.35—Frank Merrick (piano) and the B.B.C. Orchestra. 11.0—Geraldo and his Orchestra.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

DUBLIN (2 RN)—413 Metres.
1.30-2.0—Time, Stock Exchange List, Weather and Gramaphone.
6. 0—Gramaphone.
6.15—Children's Hour.
7. 0—Gramaphone.
7.20—News.
7.30—Time; Readings: C. Murphy.
7.45—Talk: Careers for Girls: Monica Treanor, B.A.
8. 0—Station Sextet.
8.20—P. J. Byrne (baritone).
8.35—Carl Hardebeck (piano).
8.50—Grace Longfield (contralto).
9. 5—Station Sextet.
9.25—The Nono Brothers in Variety.
9.50—Cormac MacFhionnlaoich (trad. fiddle).
10. 0—Trad. Trio.
10.30—Time, News, Weather and close down.

BELFAST—242.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.).
8. 5 a.m.—Daventry National Programme.
10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30-10.45—Daventry National Programme.
12. 0—Herbert Westerby (organ).
12.45—National Programme.
3. 0—The Premier Light Orchestra.
4. 0—The Belfast Wireless Orchestra; Eileen Ervine (contralto), Stuart Redfern (violin).
5.15—The Children's Hour.
5.55—Agricultural Market Prices for Northern Ireland.
6. 0—National Programme.
9. 0—News.
9.20—National Programme.
9.35—Musical Interlude.
9.50—Choral and Orchestral Concert.
10.25—The Vindictive Staircase (Edgar L. Bainton), for Chorus and Orchestra.
11. 0-12.0—Daventry National Programme.

NORTH REGIONAL—480 Metres (625 Kc.)
8. 5 a.m.—Daventry National Programme.
10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30-10.45—Daventry National Programme.
12. 0—The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra.
1. 0—Reginald Dixon.
1.45—The Northern Studio Orchestra.
3. 0—Daventry National Programme.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—News.
6.30—Reginald King and his Orchestra; Olive Groves (soprano), Billy Mayerl (pianoforte).
8. 0—Chamber Music: John Armstrong (tenor), The Roth String Quartet.
9.15—Excerpts from Light Operas.
10.15—News.
10.35-12.0—Dance Music.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.).
8. 5-8.15 a.m.—Eye-witness Account by A. F. Kippax of the Second Test Match, relayed from Melbourne.
10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30-10.45—Time, Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
12. 0—Walter Vale (organ).
12.45—The Shepherd's Bush Pavilion Orchestra.
2. 0—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
3. 0—Ernest Parsons and his Orchestra.
4. 0—The Hotel Metropole Orchestra.
5.15—Children's Hour.
5.35—A Summary of the Week's News.
6. 0—News.
6.30—Pianoforte Works of Liszt, played by Maurice Reeve.
6.50—Topical Talk.
7. 5-7.25—Captain G. Crawshay: "Next Year's Garden."
7.30—Mr. Aylmer Maude: "The Many-Sided Tolstoy."
8. 0—A Music-Hall Programme.
9. 0—News.
9.20—The Coming Talks Programme, by the Director of Talks.
9.35—Frank Merrick (pianoforte), the B.B.C. Orchestra.
11. 0-12.0—Dance Music.

MUNICIPAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

At a meeting of Dublin Corporation next Monday evening a report will be received for consideration from the City Manager and Town Clerk furnishing full details and all relevant information available from the Corporation records as to the foundation and opening of the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, in compliance with the resolution of the Council of 7th November, 1932.

It is pointed out that the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art owes its origin to a movement initiated in 1902 by the late Sir Hugh Lane, who in that year held an exhibition of pictures in the Royal Hibernian Academy, Abbey street, Dublin.

On the 23rd February, 1903, Sir Hugh Lane, in company with the President of the Royal Hibernian Academy, led a deputation to the Corporation to make representations as to the inadequacy of the assistance rendered towards the encouragement of teaching of Fine Arts in Ireland, as compared with England, Scotland and Wales.

The report then goes on to deal with the appointment of committees, and the various steps since taken in connection with the foundation and opening of the National Gallery of Modern Art.

LORD SELBY AND MISS BRISCOE-GEORGE.

ENGAGEMENT BROKEN OFF.

It was announced yesterday that the engagement of Viscount Selby and Miss Veronica Briscoe-George has been broken off. They were to have been married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in April next.

Miss Joan Briscoe-George, the younger sister of Miss Veronica, told a reporter that the wedding was definitely "off." Both parents forbade the wedding, she said. My mother objected strongly to Veronica being married yet, as she considered her too young. She likes Lord Selby very much indeed, and it is only the question of Veronica's age which accounts for her attitude. I understand, too, that Lady Selby also considers that her son is too young to marry."

Lord Selby came of age last February, and Miss Briscoe-George is nineteen.

Lord Selby is at present abroad, and Miss Briscoe-George is staying in London. Miss Briscoe-George is the elder daughter of the late Mr. J. George and Mrs. Briscoe-George, of Westbourne street, Hyde Park, and Starbotton, Yorkshire.

Lord Selby, who succeeded to the title on his father's death in 1923, is the grandson of the first Viscount, formerly Mr. J. M. Gully, who was Speaker of the House of Commons from 1895 to 1905.

The engagement was announced on November 9. Miss Briscoe-George was presented, with her sister Joan, at this year's Court. Before their presentation, to fulfil one of the last wishes of their father, the two girls made a world tour with their mother. While in India they were entertained by many of the Rajahs, and when the Khyber Pass was re-opened after the disturbances in Afghanistan they were among the first to cross over the Pass.

The two sisters were the original figures in one of the most striking sculpture groups of last year's Royal Academy. The group for which they sat was unveiled on Empire Day in Amberley Churchyard, Gloucestershire, as a memorial to their father.

TOO REALISTIC!

PERFORMANCE OF "HAY FEVER."

A film called "Hay Fever" was stopped by the sneezing of the audience when it was shown as the first-night programme of a new Madrid cinema.

Sneezes, more sneezes, and still more sneezes were heard. Then there were indignant calls for lights and disinfectants.

The proprietor, with tears in his eyes and sneezing repeatedly, stated that after 35 years' performances in a wooden structure he had suceeded in providing so fine a building that the opposition cinema had decided to spoil the first-night by scattering sneezing powders.

With handkerchiefs to their noses the audience sought to discover the persons responsible—but in vain. Finally, amid cheers and sneezes, the proprietor ordered the picture to continue.

DRUMCONDRA HOSPITAL.

ENJOYABLE DANCE.

An invitation dance in aid of Drumcondra Hospital, Whitworth road, Dublin, was held at the hospital on Wednesday night last, and proved highly successful, 150 persons taking part.

Among those present were:—Miss B. Anderson, Miss Baskin, Miss McKay, Mr. J. Anderson, Mr. Pringle, Miss Thompson, Mr. Rowlette Miss Smyth, Mr. H. Whiteside, Miss O'Reilly, Miss McGrotty, Miss Nolan, Mr Eustace, the Misses Eustace, Mr. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore, Dr. and Mrs. McKeever, Dr. and Mrs. McFetridge, Miss Atkinson, Miss Martin, Miss Diffley, Miss McMahon, Miss Davis, Miss Mitchell, Miss Dunne, Miss Glavey, Miss Gibbons, Miss McCullen, Dr. Rowlette, Miss Donaldson, Miss Heery, Dr. and Mrs. Gibson, Miss Gibson, Dr. Henry, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Strain, Mr. McNamee, Dr. Harris, Mr. J. and Miss Hayden, Councillor and Miss O'Sullivan, Mr. J. S. Ruddell, house surgeon; Miss Cullen, matron, and the Rev. T. J. Graham, C.C.

DUBLIN BULL SHOW AND SALE.

NAMES OF THE JUDGES.

Exhibits of excellent quality are expected for the show and sale of pure-bred bulls and boars to be held on the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, Dublin, on the 7th, 8th and 9th March next. This event affords a splendid opportunity for the purchase of well-bred premium and ordinary licensed bulls, and should, therefore, be well attended by farmers who want to improve their stock. Last year the average price of shorthorn bulls was £32, dairy shorthorns £48, non-pedigree dairy shorthorns £28, Aberdeen-Angus £41, and Herefords £47.

In addition to substantial money prizes, there are offered in the various sections five challenge cups, eight silver medals, and a silver salver for boars.

The judges will be:—

Shorthorns and Dairy Shorthorns—Messrs. John Cromie, Sevenoaks, Kent; A. Green, Ilkley, Yorks; James Cameron, Munlochy, Ross-shire, and James Durno, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

Herefords—Messrs. W. G. C. Britten, Hereford, and John Walker, Worcester.

Aberdeen-Angus—Messrs. R. L. Grant, Methlick, Aberdeenshire, and W. G. Macpherson, Mulben, Banffshire.

Boars—Mr. D. Twomey, Department of Agriculture, Dublin.

Entries finally close on 18th January with Mr. E. Bohane, Director, Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

AN EDITOR AS PROFESSOR.

ACCEPTS HISTORY CHAIR AT ZURICH POLYTECHNIC.

One of the most famous journalists on the Continent, William Martin, foreign editor of the *Journal de Genève*, who is known to all international politicians for his editorial articles on current affairs, is leaving his newspaper to take the History Chair at the famous Zurich Polytechnic.

He has been connected with the *Journal de Genève*, the leading Geneva paper, for over thirty years, and nearly every politician at the League meetings would read his comments on the previous day's affairs over the breakfast table.

He wrote with considerable insight, and many a statesman or diplomat has allowed his conduct of the day's business to be influenced by Martin's suggestions.

RELEASED AUSTRIAN DANCER.

LONG IMPRISONMENT IN ITALY COMMUTED.

A triumphal home-coming has been arranged in Vienna for Greta Blaha, the Austrian dancer, who was released by Signor Mussolini under the recent Fascist amnesty as a friendly gesture to Austria, after she had been condemned in June to 30 years' imprisonment for complicity in an attempt on the Duce's life.

Her mother is eagerly awaiting her arrival in her modest dwelling in the poorer quarters of the capital, and her block of working class flats has been decorated by banners erected by the willing hands of neighbours.

"THE MINORITY IN REVOLT."

AUTHOR'S VIEWS ON NEW PLAY ABOUT OSCAR WILDE.

"I have made no attempt to drape the facts," declared M. Maurice Rostand, interviewed in Paris by Reuter's correspondent, in connection with his play, "The Trial of Oscar Wilde," which is to be produced at the Théâtre de l'Oeuvre this coming year.

"It is a straight drama," he explained, "built round the trial which fills the whole of the second act. The trial symbolises the prosecution of the minority in revolt by the majority, who refuse to admit what they do not understand."

The play is expected to create a sensation. M. Rostand may adapt the piece for the screen later. He has already been approached for the American film rights.

LATE CHRISTMAS FOR ISLANDERS.

MAILS HELD UP BY STORMY WEATHER.

The Bardsey islanders, who have been marooned during the past fortnight in the Irish Sea, off the coast of Caernarvonshire, crossed to the mainland at Aberdaron yesterday, and received large consignments of Christmas letters and parcels, which had been held up there owing to the stormy weather.

Yesterday calm, bright weather prevailed. There are about forty-five inhabitants of the island, and on several occasions during the last two or three years they have been isolated by bad weather.

Man Who Changed His Religion.

Inquiry Held at Widow's Request.

Ceremony Performed in Hospital Ward.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEWRY, Thursday.

REAR-ADMIRAL ARCHDALE, Inspector of the Northern Ministry of Home Affairs, opened an inquiry in the Boardroom of Newry Workhouse this morning touching the death of Thomas Gyle, Maginnis street, Newry, who was admitted to the Union Workhouse as a Presbyterian on September 5, and a few hours before his death was received into the Roman Catholic Church.

The inquiry was demanded by the widow of the deceased man.

Mr. J .H. Collins represented the Board and officials and also the Rev. J. Boyd, C.C., who received the deceased man into the Roman Catholic Church; Mr. Thomas Elliott appeared for Mrs. Gyle; Mr. James Telford for the Rev. J. Mulligan, Presbyterian chaplain to the Workhouse, and the Rev. Phineas McKee, Downshire Road Presbyterian Church, the deceased man's clergyman; Mr. P. J. O'Hare for Sister M. Kieran Reid, and Mr. A. H. Rutherford for Dr. Maude McMordie, resident house surgeon.

The Inspector opened the inquiry by reading his instructions, which were to hold an inquiry into the religious ministrations given to the deceased man in the workhouse, and the conduct of the officials in connection therewith.

The Chairman of the Board (Mr. J. E. Kelly) and other members were present.

It was arranged that the inquiry should be opened by evidence on behalf of Mrs. Gyle, but a delay of almost half an hour occurred, owing to the absence of Mrs. Gyle, who, Mr. Elliott explained, was waiting to bring with her a witness from Carrickfergus

CASE OPENED.

When Mrs. Gyle and her witness had arrived, Mr. Elliott proceeded to open the case on her behalf. Thomas Gyle, he said, was admitted to the hospital and died on October 6. He was 31 years of age, married, and left a wife and child. He was registered as a Protestant on admission, and what Mrs. Gyle complained of was that he was received into the Roman Catholic Church a few hours before his death, when his mind was not in a fit condition to realise what he was doing. Gyle was born at Barnville, Carrickfergus, and was baptised a Protestant, and professed that faith all the time he was in Newry. No word of the man's conversion to the Roman Catholic Church was sent to Mrs. Gyle, who lived only a short distance from the hospital. On the night of October 7, continued Mr. Elliott, three strange men came to the house of Mrs. Gyle, and wanted her to sign a paper giving them permission to take charge of the body and have her husband buried as a Roman Catholic.

Mr. Collins protested that this had nothing to do with the subject of the inquiry, and said that the officials at the workhouse knew nothing about it.

Mr. Elliott said that Gyle was subsequently buried as a Presbyterian in Loughgilly, Co. Armagh, the Rev. P. McKee officiating.

WIDOW'S EVIDENCE.

Mrs. Gyle, in the course of her evidence, stated that she first met her husband at a dance in Crieve Orange Hall in 1931. He was a brick-burner, and was born in Carrickfergus. After their marriage he attended the Presbyterian Church. He took sick in August last, and was sent to the hospital on September 5, on the advice of Dr. Williams. She saw him the next day in the hospital in the Protestant ward, but afterwards he was removed to a mixed ward. He was described on his bed card as a Presbyterian. On October 2, when he took very ill, she noticed his changed appearance. He wanted brown bread, jam and tobacco, and also asked her to bring him up a tonic, but not to let the nurses see it. She considered that he was not talking sensible at the time. On the Thursday he died she saw him about nine o'clock in the ward, and the screen was then round his bed. But, though she spoke to him, he did not answer her. Nurse McArdle said that he had been raving and singing from four o'clock in the morning. Witness was alarmed at his condition, and went home for her mother and aunt.

THE CEREMONY.

She returned about two o'clock p.m. with two of her aunts, and her husband did not then recognise her. Dr. McMordie and the Master came into the ward, and the Master and somebody else told witness and her two aunts to go to the bottom of the ward. Afterwards Dr. McMordie took witness out to the landing and said that her husband had asked for Father Boyd, and witness said, "Tommy is no Roman Catholic." The doctor then left and went down the stairs, and Father Boyd came up, and the ceremony of receiving her husband into the Catholic Church was carried out with the screen round the bed. Father Boyd afterwards came to her and asked her if she was satisfied, and she said that she was not. She then went to the bedside and spoke to her husband. He was lying staring up to the ceiling, and he did not answer her. She then left the hospital and wired for her husband's uncle in Carrickfergus, and at ten o'clock that night Sergeant Wallace, of the R.U.C., informed her of her husband's death.

BURIED AS PRESBYTERIAN.

The next morning, when she saw her husband's body, it was in the Roman Catholic Morgue, dressed in a brown shroud, with two lighted candles beside the bed, and she said: "Oh, poor Tommy. What have they done on you?" The body was afterwards removed to the Protestant Ward, and the deceased man was buried as a Presbyterian in Loughgilly. Witness was very much annoyed over the whole affair, and said that a Bible (produced) had been presented to her husband by the Carrickfergus Sunday School as a memento of his service in the war.

In reply to Mr. Collins, witness said that she believed in a future world and expected to meet her husband there.

Mr. Collins—If your husband was fully conscious of what he was doing and his dying wish was to become either a Unitarian, a High Churchman or a Catholic, would you never have objected?—No, sir.

Mr. Collins—Would you not allow him to do anything he liked?—No.

You would have him a Protestant all the time?—Yes. (Laughter.)

Dr. McMordie, she admitted, told her that it was her husband's dying wish to die a Catholic, and Mrs. McIlroy, an aunt of witness's, said that if that was his dying wish he should get it.

By Mr. Rutherford—She knew her husband about a year before they were married, and he told her his history. She admitted that the letters written to the Board of Guardians were written by a brother of her's, at her dictation. Dr. McMordie she knew to be a Protestant, and she did not allege that the doctor had any interest or wanted to proselytise her husband. She made no charge against Dr. McMordie.

By Mr. O'Hare—She also made no charge against Sister Kieran.

The Inspector—Do you feel that your husband became a Roman Catholic at his death against his wish?

The witness replied that she could not say as to that.

SERVANT'S EVIDENCE.

Miss Elizabeth Griffiths, a domestic servant in the employment of Dr. Potts, Millvale, gave evidence of having visited Gyle in hospital on October 6th. He was lying, staring at the ceiling, and when she asked him if he could recognise his wife, who was present with two of her aunts, he said: "No." Later that evening witness again visited him, and, when she asked him if he knew her he said he did, and added, "Lizzie, if I could only get an old pair of boots now, I would be all right." He also said, "Will you go and tell the Pope now?"

Mr. Collins—Of course you told him you could not get in touch with him. (Laughter).

Witness, continuing, said that she was in the ward when Dr. M'Mordie came in and asked Gyle if he had sent for Father Boyd, and he replied, "Yes." The doctor then asked him why, and he said, "For my ears." Dr. M'Mordie asked him if he wanted to die a Roman Catholic, and he said, "No." The doctor went out and returned with a nurse. She again asked him if he wanted to die a Roman Catholic, and he replied "I don't know; I am sick of all this business." Dr. M'Mordie then remarked to the nurse, "I don't know what to do about this," and left the ward with the nurse.

"GREAT MISTAKE."

In reply to Mr. Collins, witness said that she was interested in the case because she was keeping company with Mrs. Gyle's brother. Witness was a strong Protestant, and did not approve of Gyle becoming a Catholic.

Mr. Collins—And you consider he made a great mistake by doing so?

Witness—Yes.

Answering Mr. Rutherford, witness said that if the man was quite conscious at the time he should have got his wish to die a Catholic; but witness did not think that he was conscious. If, however, Dr. M'Mordie said that he was quite conscious at the time of the change of religion witness would not contradict her.

Mr. Telford said that he represented the Rev. P. M'Kee and the Rev. J. Mulligan and they made no charge against any of the officials.

Mr. Rutherford—Then the letter is withdrawn?

Mr. Telford—No. It is not a charge, but an expression of opinion.

The Rev. P. M'Kee, who was then sworn, said that he had known the deceased man for four or five years, and he attended witness's church, Downshire Road Presbyterian Church. Witness visited him on several occasions at his own request, and when he came to hospital he visited him there in his pastoral capacity, witness not being chaplain to the institution. Witness called on the Wednesday and Thursday before the man died.

DELIRIOUS.

On the Wednesday, in witness's opinion, he was quite plainly delirious. He talked of people coming in through the window to shoot him, and witness tried to calm him. The next day, when he visited him again, he was shocked to see the change that had taken place in the interval. He then showed no signs of understanding, so much so that witness did not try to pray with him, but merely shouted texts into his ear in the hope that they might get there and give him some consolation. Witness was amazed when he heard of deceased man's change of religion.

By Mr. Rutherford—Witness said that he had over twenty-six years' experience of seeing people die, and he would back his experience against that of Dr. M'Mordie, just as one doctor would differ from another on the question of whether deceased man was mentally fit or not to comprehend what he was doing. It was possible that Gyle might have lucid intervals in hospital, but, in his opinion, Gyle was delirious the two days he saw him. He made no charge against Dr. M'Mordie by inference, or otherwise, to the Board of Guardians, and he did not think, however competent she might be to judge of the deceased man's natural condition, that the deceased man was mentally fit.

The inspector said that he would report to the Ministry, which would give its decision in due course.

Witch-Craft in Cavan.

"Absurd Case," Says Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BAILIEBOROUGH, Thursday.

AN amusing case came on for hearing at Ballyjamesduff District Sessions, when Peter Scully, Aughafad, an ex-sergeant of the R.I.C., sought to have John Lynch, farmer, Towlagh, bound to the peace.

Complainant deposed that Lynch lived near him. On October 11 his servant man was churning, and Lynch came into the house. Witness asked Lynch to take a "brash" at the churn. Lynch said:

"You amadán and you fool, do you think I want to take the butter off the churn?" Lynch went away, and later on when witness came over to Lynch's house with a newspaper, he called witness and his people, "Corner boys from Longford," and swore that he would shoot him.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. V. Maloney, solicitor (for defendant), the witness denied that he shouted after the defendant that "his man," Geoghegan, the Minister for Justice, had resigned.

Mr. Maloney—Did you catch him by the throat when he refused to put his hand on the churn, and attempt to pull him over to where the churn was? No.

Mr. Maloney—You made some remark about him being a witch—that he might "take the butter off the churn?" No.

Mr. Maloney—Did he say that he was not going to take your butter by witch-craft? He said that he was not going to take a "brash."

Mr. Maloney—Did you say anything about the fairies? We pass jokes in the locality. I told him to take a hand at the churn "to keep the fairies away," or something like that.

Mr. Maloney—Did he say: "You will put me under no process of witchery?" No.

Witness further denied that anything was said about "the peeler and the goat."

Patrick Gibney said that he was churning when the defendant came into Scully's kitchen. Scully told the defendant to take a "brash" at the churn.

Mr. T. Lynch, solicitor (for complainant)—Is it considered unlucky to leave the house without taking a hand at the churn? Yes.

Defendant having given evidence,

The Justice said that he thought it was the most absurd case that ever came before him. He refused the application to bind to the peace, and said that, if he had power, he would give costs to the defendant.

Belfast Shop Scene.

Butcher's Story of Attack.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BELFAST, Thursday

A SCENE in a Belfast shop, when a butcher and his assistant were assaulted and received severe wounds to the head, was described before Mr. P. J. Donoghue, R.M., and other magistrates at the Belfast Custody Court to-day, when Samuel Johnston, residing at Ormeau road, appeared on remand, charged in connection with the affair.

The accused man, who was not professionally represented, was further remanded in custody until to-morrow morning.

The injured men—Samuel Douglas, butcher, and Angus Robinson, his assistant—both of whom appeared in court with their heads swathed in bandages, were witnesses at today's hearing, being interrogated by the defendant as to why they had thrown "explosives and acetyline" at him during the past six months.

Both men emphatically denied that they had thrown anything at the accused man, and Robinson averred that he doubted if he had ever seen the prisoner before the afternoon of the alleged assault.

Constable Hutchinson said that on last Wednesday afternoon he went to a house at Ormeau road and saw Angus Robinson, who was bleeding from a severe wound on the head. He later went to the residence of the accused man, who lives opposite, and found the front door locked.

Angus Robinson said that he first noticed the defendant crossing the street towards the shop, and thought that he was "very wild looking." The man came into the shop and struck him on the head several times with a bar, and witness was not rendered unconscious, but was dazed.

He noticed Mr. Douglas rushing out of the office in which he was working, and also saw the accused man running after him and making to strike him with the bar. Witness did not know the number of times that he was struck, but the wounds in his head required nine stitches.

Tobacco-Growing. — The Borris Tobacco-Growers' Association, through their chairman, Major Little, has sent a memorandum to the Free State Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Ryan, setting out the aims and objects of the association, and requesting the cooperation of the Government.

Money Owing to Council.

Claim Against Government.

£90,000 Overdraft Sought.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LIFFORD, Thursday.

THAT the Government owed Donegal County Council a sum of over £54,000, almost the amount of the Council's overdraft, was the statement made by the Secretary (Mr. S. D. McLoughlin) when applying for overdraft accommodation at a meeting of the Council which was held in Lifford to-day, Mr. Eugene Mahony presiding.

The Secretary said that the Council owed the Board of Health sums amounting to £8,689, £77 and £605; the Committee of Agriculture, £1,289; the Library Committee, £255; the Tourist Association, £165; the Mental Hospital, £12,353; while their quarterly payments, due in January, would probably amount to £5,200, which meant that their liabilities would be about £29,305. Their overdraft was £63,000.

On the other hand, the Government owed the Council the following sums:—Agriculture grant, £14,592; land annuities arrears, £5,336; bounty for rates, £510; State duty grant, £6,750; maintenance of lunatics, £8,144; medical and education expenses, £2,075; sanitary salaries, £272; main road grant, £10,880; diseases of animals, £1,348, and "K" grant, £4,393—a total of over £54,000.

Major Myles—Yet we are disgraced before the whole of the Free State by the statement that we are in the worst financial position in the country. A very strong resolution should go to the Government asking them to pay us what they owe us.

The Secretary said that some days ago Mr. Blaney had telephoned the Department regarding the matter, and the Department replied stating that their further grants of £700 and £3,500 would be made within the next few days.

Major Myles—Who is advancing the minor schemes?

The Secretary—The Board of Works do that, and the money is sent in advance.

Major Myles—We should call upon the Government to pay us what they owe us. He added that their overdraft of £60,000 meant £3,000 per year of interest, which was 2d. in the £ on the rates.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Council should pay the Board of Health what was owing to them as soon as possible, as there were some officials of the Board who had not received their pay for two or three months.

Major Myles asked if there had been any stoppage of grants because of non-payment of land annuities.

The Secretary said that nothing of that kind had happened so far this year, but about £3,000 had been stopped last year.

The Council decided to apply for an overdraft of £90,000 and to ask the Free State Government to meet the demand.

Girl Attacked.

Sequel to Public House Scene.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRIM, Thursday.

When Elizabeth Toomey, Bective, an assistant in the licensed premises of her uncle, James Reilly, Bective, described at Trim District Court an attack which was made upon her by a man named Eugene Maguire, Grangeboyne, Kilmessan, the Justice said that but for the fact that Miss Toomey had in a civil action decreed Maguire he would have sent Maguire to prison for three months with hard labour.

Miss Toomey, in the course of her evidence, said that the defendant refused to leave the licensed premises when she asked him to do so. He became abusive, struck her on the face with his fist, and kicked her.

The Justice described the assault as a cowardly, unmannerly and shocking one, but, as the defendant had paid in the civil proceedings, he would direct that he enter into recognisances of £10 to keep the peace.

He added that he had noticed that there was an epidemic of that class of case, where gangs of young men go around forcing themselves into public-houses and refusing to leave when requested. That was a very serious offence, which would be severely dealt with.

Free State Butter Stocks.

The following table, which has been compiled by the Department of Agriculture from returns furnished under the Dairy Produce Act, 1931, shows the quantity of butter held on December 15 in all public cold stores in the Free State, and at the premises of manufacturers of creamery and factory butter and principal merchants. The figures do not include the day-to-day stocks in the hands of shopkeepers.

	Creamery butter. Cwts.	Factory & other butter. Cwts.
Held in public cold stores:		
for Dairy Disposal Co. & creamery proprietors	61,589	—
for other persons	16,312	5,547
Held at creameries	12,819	—
Held at merchants' premises and butter factories	4,735	6,141
Totals on Dec. 15	95,455	11,688
Totals on Nov. 30	104,666	13,832

In the period from December 1 to December 15 the production of creamery butter was approximately 9,940 cwts. Public cold stores received 4,624 cwts., and the withdrawals amounted to 8,954 cwts., leaving a net movement of 4,330 cwts. of creamery butter out of public cold stores.

Postal Workers' Action.

At a special meeting of the Ballybay Post Office Workers' Union, which was held last Wednesday, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That we call upon the Free State Government to suspend the threatened reduction pending the report of Senator Johnson's Committee, which has been investigating the method of computing the bonus, and in view of the low wages of the Post Office staff and the severe reduction which they have already suffered."

It was requested that a copy of the resolution be sent to the T.D.'s for the county.

Cattle Prices.

Average prices, per cwt., live-weight of fat cattle, fat sheep and fat lambs in yesterday's Dublin market.

Year.	Dec. 29. s.	d.	Dec. 22. s.	d.	Dec. 15. s.	d.
FAT CATTLE.						
1932	28	0	27	9	27	3
At corresponding dates in previous years:						
1931	37	3	37	9	35	6
1930	40	3	—		40	0
1920	92	9	90	9	93	0
1916	66	6	63	9	63	3
1914	42	6	40	3	40	9
FAT SHEEP.						
1932	22	3	22	9	21	3
At corresponding dates in previous years:						
1931	33	3	33	0	30	3
1930	46	0	—		47	9
1920	109	9	103	0	106	6
1916	57	9	55	6	59	3
1914	41	3	41	9	41	3
FAT LAMBS.						
1932	27	9	24	3	25	0
At corresponding dates in previous years:						
1931	40	6	38	9	35	3
1930	—		—		51	9
1920	—		—		108	0
1916	—		66	0	58	3
1914	44	0	—		43	3

Farmer's Fatal Burns.

Disclosures at Inquest.

From Our Correspondent.

CASTLEBAR, Thursday.

GIVING evidence at an inquest which was held on the body of Anthony McHale (75), a wealthy farmer and publican, who lived alone at Ballyglass, and died at Mayo County Home as a result of burns received on St. Stephen's Day, Dr. Mongey said that he had extensive and deep burns on the head, neck, face, arms and body, and was in an intoxicated state when admitted to the hospital.

John Coyne said that he saw the deceased man returning home drunk, went to his house twenty minutes after and found him sitting in the fire, with his back to the wall. He was unconscious and talking to himself. His clothes were on fire, and when he pulled him out on the floor he started screaming.

Martin Walsh, stepbrother, said that the deceased man was after buying cattle, had several drinks at a public-house, and witness accompanied him home. Though he had a lot of drink taken, the deceased man was able to walk about the house. He was in the habit of taking a lot of drink recently and his money went like rain.

DRANK WHISKEY.

Guard McDyer said that before he died McHale made a statement to him, in which he said that after he returned home he drank whiskey out of a bottle, sat on a chair before the fire and fell asleep.

Sergeant Raftery said that he saw the deceased man returning home drunk, and shortly after he went to his house and found him badly burned. There was a bright fire burning, and in it he noticed a burned purse.

Asked by the foreman why he did not arrest the deceased man when he saw him drunk, witness said that if they took him into custody every time they found him under the influence of drink he would be a very constant visitor to the barrack.

A verdict of "death from misadventure" was returned.

Good Year for Beekeepers.

The Grading of Honey.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ENNISCORTHY, Thursday.

IN his annual report to the County Wexford Beekeepers' Association, which will be presented to the annual general meeting early in January, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. W. Davis) states that the year 1932 was most successful for most beekeepers. The weather was very good, and those who looked after the bees reaped the benefit. A number of stocks was lost owing to the mild weather last winter, as the bees kept on the move and eat up their stores, and, where not fed artificially, they died of starvation during the spring. A good many stocks also were lost through Isle of Wight disease. People who looked after stocks properly were rewarded with an average of 100 sections per stock. Unfortunately, prices were most disappointing, mainly because the market was flooded with honey not properly cleaned or graded. The County Wexford Beekeepers' Association proposed to establish a dépôt for the members' honey, where it could be stored and graded, and subsequently sold to the best advantage.

The Waterford By-Election.

Preparing for the Campaign.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WATERFORD, Thursday.

Mrs. Redmond, wife of the late Captain W. A. Redmond, T.D., the Cumann na nGaedheal candidate for the Waterford by-election, will arrive in Waterford in a few days to take up residence in the city for the election campaign.

Mr. C. S. Quinlan, solicitor, Cumann na nGaedheal election agent, stated to-day that no arrangements had yet been made for the opening of the campaign, but it was hoped to do so shortly.

In furtherance of the candidature of the Fianna Fail nominee, Mr. M. Mansfield, a series of public meetings will be held throughout the constituency on Sunday, and a meeting of election workers is being convened for Monday, when addresses will be delivered by Senator Quirke, director of elections; Messrs. Little and Goulding, T.D.'s; the candidate and others.

Costly Offence.

Would-be Bona Fide Traveller.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRIM, Thursday.

For personating a *bona-fide* traveller, and gaining admission to the licensed premises of Mr. John Mahon, Market street, Trim, a young man, Bernard Callaghan, Newtown, Trim, was fined £5 by District Justice Beatty.

On an appeal being made to the Justice because of defendant's circumstances, the Justice said that as the defendant had accepted all the blame he would either pay for it or do two months in Mountjoy in default.

Arising out of the matter, summonses against the publican for breaches of the licensing laws were dismissed.

A Wanton Act.

Telephone Wires Cut.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CORK, Thursday.

Late last night, or during the early hours of this morning, some telephone wires on the road between Dunkettle and Glanmire were cut. The affected lines were those of private subscribers in the Glanmire district, and, beyond causing inconvenience to these people, no serious dislocation resulted. None of the main lines was touched. In all sixteen wires were severed.

Inquiry at Glanmire Civic Guard Barrack as to the likely motive for the wire-cutting failed to throw any light on the affair. It appears to be the work of some irresponsible person or persons.

Post office linesmen were engaged to-day in effecting the necessary repairs, which were completed during the afternoon.

Agricultural Grant.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRALEE, Thursday.

Kerry County Council has received £12,049 on account out of the Agricultural Grant, in response to a request made by the Council, whose account was overdrawn with its treasurer. A sum of £1,500 also was received for the relief of unemployment, while a further sum of £1,891 was received by the two County Surveyors in respect of minor relief schemes.

Sudden Death.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CORK, Thursday.

Mr. Denis Callanan, Lough Villas, Cork, brother of the late Mr. Eugene Callanan, County Council Secretary, collapsed and died suddenly in his home yesterday morning. He was a well known commercial traveller.

Belfast Hospital Extension.

Opening Ceremony Performed By Lady Dufferin.

Scheme that Cost £31,000.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BELFAST, Thursday.

AN extension of the Dufferin Children's Hospital of the Belfast Infirmary, to be called the Ava Hospital, was opened this afternoon by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, in the presence of the Prime Minister (Viscount Craigavon) and a large number of guests.

The extension, which has cost £31,000, comprises four floors, the top three providing increased accommodation for 119 beds. The wards, in accordance with modern hospital planning, are small, and many have open-air balconies and vita glass windows. The heating system is of low pressure hot water, easily controlled and regulated. A roof garden, attractively laid out, covers the entire ward area, and will be used for airing purposes. The operating unit is situated on the second floor, and comprises the operating theatre.

When the Dufferin Hospital was opened in 1909 by Lady Hermione Blackwood, aunt of the present Marquess of Dufferin, it was the largest and most up-to-date children's hospital in Ireland, and the new extensions have been constructed and equipped with such close observance of modern improvements in lay-out and apparatus that once again the Belfast Union is the possessor of one of the finest hospitals in the country.

The most careful consideration has been given by the Board to the easy administration of the old and new buildings, and the whole is served from a thoroughly up-to-date kitchen in the lower floors of the extension by a heated trolley system, whereby the cooked food is placed in heated containers and taken by trolley to the wards on the various floors by electric lifts. By this system an incalculable amount of time and labour is saved. The lifts can also be adapted for the conveyance of passengers if so required.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

On arrival at the front entrance the Marchioness, who was accompanied by the Marquess, was received by Mr. Robert Ardis, J.P., A.M.I.E.E., Chairman of the Board; Mr. W. A. Sinclair, acting clerk of the Union, and Mr. James Mahood, master.

At the hospital her ladyship was met by Viscount Craigavon and Sir Dawson Bates, and was presented to Mr. Adam McKegney, vice-chairman; Miss A. McCready, J.P., deputy vice-chairman, and other members of the Board.

The Marchioness then opened the entrance door, where she was presented with a bouquet of pink carnations by Mrs. Ardis, wife of the Chairman of the Board.

A commemorative tablet which reads:—"Ava Hospital—This hospital was opened by the Most Hon. the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, December 29, 1932"—was then unveiled by Sir Dawson Bates, and an inspection of the hospital was made by the company.

On their return to the schoolroom, the Prime Minister was called upon to take the chair, and the Chairman of the Infirmary Committee (Captain E. J. Lowry Turner, M.C.), addressing those present, said in this new building there were embodied all the latest innovations in medicine and surgery, and every advancement in the science and art of healing. When one contrasted, he continued, the cost involved in the building and equipping of the Dufferin Hospital almost twenty-five years ago, when their predecessors were able for an expenditure of about £12,000 to make suitable accommodation for the medical treatment of 200 children, and now in post-war days when they knew the huge sums required for such undertakings, it was interesting to learn that the cost of the new building, including heating and lighting installations, amounted to almost £29,000, which, together with the sum of £2,500 for ward furnishing, and the equipping of an operating theatre, radiant heat room, etc., made a total expenditure of £31,500 to provide accommodation for 119 child patients and twenty-four mothers with children.

TRIBUTE TO GUARDIANS.

Viscount Craigavon, who was cordially received, remarked at the outset that he was almost becoming an habitué of the Belfast Workhouse, and said that every time he came he saw improvements. He had that day seen the extension, and what was in the minds of the Guardians, and that was to have a perfect institution for the comfort and welfare and the sympathetic treatment of the poor. He expressed the appreciation of the Government at what the Guardians were doing. They who knew more of the inside of things during the times just passed, which had been exceptional in every branch of life, and even more so among the poorer classes in their midst, knew how gallantly the Board of Guardians had risen to the occasion, and how, not for the Government, but for Ulster and the people of Ulster, they had managed to get over, perhaps one of the most awkward corners which had ever faced a Board of Guardians.

The Prime Minister also expressed the indebtedness of the Government to Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and their most hearty thanks to him and the members on behalf of all in Belfast for what they had done in these trying times.

LADY DUFFERIN.

He was sure they were all delighted at the presence of Lady Dufferin. It was to the credit of the Ulster peers and peeresses, he said, that they were doing their part by the people among whom they were proud to live, and he knew of no one whom they were more delighted to see than Lord Dufferin and his good wife. No hospital could be started under better auspices.

Lady Dufferin, replying to a vote of thanks, which was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Miss A. M'Cready, J.P., expressed the pleasure which she was afforded in being present, and to see the developments which were taking place in the hospital.

Old Woman Robbed.

Six Months for Assailant.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WEXFORD, Thursday.

THE story of the "hold-up" of an elderly woman on Christmas Eve outside Wexford, in a laneway leading to her residence, was told at a Special Court in Wexford, at which a young man, Michael Hayes, South Main street, was charged, before District Justice Fahy, with the robbery of £1 16s. 5d. from Miss Margaret Byrne, Killeens.

In the course of her evidence, Miss Byrne stated that when she was returning home from Wexford, and was midway up the lane, approaching her home, a man came out from a gateway, armed with a toy revolver, caught her pony by the head, and called on her to "deliver" up her money. She declined to give him anything. She got out of her trap, taking a basket in which she had her handbag with her. The man made for the parcels in the trap, and when she stooped to lift one of them he snatched the handbag, ran away and disappeared. He wore a drab muffler over his face, leaving only his right eye visible. He had a drab overcoat, over which he wore a shorter one.

Superintendent Macken submitted a statement made by the accused man, admitting the charge.

A sentence of six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, was imposed, the Justice stating that if the accused man was tried at the Circuit Court he would likely be sentenced to penal servitude.

Clerk's Fatal Fall.

Verdict at Inquest.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LIMERICK, Thursday.

A Coroner's jury, at an inquest which was held at Limerick this evening, returned a verdict "That Edmond Roche, aged 20, died from shock and hæmmorhage, due to injuries received while in the discharge of his duties as a clerk at Messrs. W. J. Shaw and Sons' bacon factory on December 21st." They were of opinion that the skid from which he fell should be in charge of somebody, and recommended his parents to the kind consideration of Messrs. Shaw and Sons.

The evidence showed that on the date in question Roche, with another official, were superintending the loading of goods from the factory. A skid, with platform, was used for the purpose, and while the second official had left momentarily, on returning he found that Roche had disappeared, having fallen to the ground from the skid, which had snapped.

It was stated that there was notice on the platform warning people not to go on the skid. The factory was kept in perfect condition, and no expense was spared to ensure the safety of the employés.

Irish Fair.

WICKLOW.—Very small cattle fair, the approximate numbers on offer being: Store cattle, 31; springers and milch cows, 17; calves, 5. Some 22 fat sheep, 50 young, 13 store, and 7 fat pigs were also offered. The cattle offered were composed of first and second class shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus stock. Store cattle met a slow trade at about recent values, and the majority failed to clear. Good quality springers and milch cows were in demand at somewhat lower prices; inferior grades were neglected. The majority of the fat sheep offered were purchased by local victuallers at about current figures. Young and store pigs were readily cashed at late rates. Fat pigs realised recent prices. Range of prices per head:—Calves, under 1 month, £1 to £1 5s. Store cattle, 12 to 15 months, 1st class, £6 to £7; 15 months to 2 years, £5 10s. to £9; 2 to 3 years, 1st class, £9 10s. to £10 10s. Springers (cows and heifers), £9 10s. to £15 10s. Milch cows (down calved), £8 to £15. Fat sheep, 2 years and over, mountain, 20s to 24s. Young pigs, under 12 weeks, 15s. to 20s. Store pigs, 12 weeks to 4 months, 22s. to 28s.; 4 months and over, 30s. to 40s. Fat pigs (other than sows), £2 10s. to £3.

Labour Leader Congratulated.—Milltown (County Kildare) Branch of the Labour Party congratulated Mr. W. Norton, T.D., for his efforts on behalf of Labour, and for his suppport of the Free State Government in the present crisis.

No Money to Pay Men.

Athy Council's Plight.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ATHY, Thursday.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Athy Urban Council was held last night to consider the financial position of the Council.

The Clerk stated that in consequence of their strained finances a serious situation arose on Christmas Eve, when it was discovered that there was no money to pay the men. The sum required was close on £200, and on being approached for the necessary advance, the Council's treasurer stated that his directors had intimated that no money would be advanced beyond the amount specified for petty cash expenses. The position was very serious, as it meant that the men would be without their money for Christmas. In view of the circumstances, Miss Darby, the Vice-Chairman, advanced a cheque for £175 to meet the wage demands.

The Clerk asked that the Council increase the petty cash account in view of the abnormal expenditure at present going on.

The Council thanked Miss Darby for her kindness in getting the Board over a difficult position, and decided to increase the petty cash account to £450.

In Brief.

Price of Pigs—At Ballyhale and Mullinavat fat pigs sold at 40s. per cwt., a decrease of 2s.

Tralee Pig Fair.—Lean pigs realised 46s. per cwt. and heavy pigs 37s. per cwt., deadweight, at the Tralee Fair.

Turkeys 8d. per Pound.—Turkeys left unsold after Christmas in Thomastown (Co. Kilkenny) were disposed of at 8d. per lb.

Christmas Lambs.—On Christmas Eve a ewe belonging to Mr. James P. M'Ivor, Quigley's Point (Donegal) gave birth to two healthy lambs.

Appointment. — Carlow Mental Hospital Committee has appointed Dr. J. McHugh, L.D.S.I., Carlow, as visiting surgeon to the hospital.

Polish Coal.—The Esthonian steamship, Stancor, is unloading a large cargo of Polish coal at Cork, after which she will proceed in ballast to Newcastle.

County Cavan Robbery.—The shop of Christopher Reilly, Maghera, Co. Cavan, was broken into and tobacco valued at £23 taken, also £3 15s. in cash.

"Record" Beet Loadings.—Since the opening of the season over 4,000 tons of beet have been despatched from Bagenalstown station to Carlow—the heaviest quantity on record.

In Quest of Work.—William Newell (23), of Kinglassie, Dunfermline, and his wife, Winifred (20), who have tramped all over the British Isles looking for work, arrived in Cork yesterday, and their quest still continues.

Road Grant.—Donegal County Council has been notified by the Free State Local Government Department of a grant of £27,000 for road improvements, which, with the amounts already allocated, totals £51,000.

Primroses and Roses.—In a garden at one side of Malin street, Carndonagh (Co. Donegal) there are at present in full bloom a large number of crimson primroses, while a resident on the other side of the street has a rose bush which now bears several splendid tea roses, some of which measure three inches across.

Piebald Blackbird.—Mr. Patrick Doherty, Tiernaleague, whose farm adjoins a large wood near Carndonagh, has caught a bird which is partly black. The head and neck are pure white, and there are splashes of white on the upper parts of the wings. The rest of its feathers are black. It has the characteristic yellow feet and bill of the cock blackbird, and its voice similarly identifies it as a blackbird.

Delayed reports reaching Mexico City state that the village of Tomatlan, in Jalisco, was destroyed by earthquake on December 19. The death roll was 27.

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WHITE STAR

CASE OF MR. TOM MANN.

LABOUR MEMORIAL TO PREMIER.

A MEMORIAL organised by the Trades Union Congress and the British Labour Party, protesting against the imprisonment of Mr. Tom Mann and Mr. Emrhys Llewellyn, will be presented to the Prime Minister by Mr. George Lansbury today at Lossiemouth.

"No offence has been charged against them," says the memorial. "The statutes upon which the police and the magistrates have acted were, we suggest, conceived in a spirit of persecution against the Radical opinion, wholly alien from the modern temper.

"Indefensibly heavy sentences have been imposed without a shadow of proof being offered that the accused were, in fact, actively inciting disorder. It would, therefore, seem that the net of the law is being deliberately cast as widely as possible to prevent the expression of grievance. . . .

"We believe that it is urgent for all men and women of good-will to insist to the Government that it is indefensible to imprison men whose utterance is inconvenient to them. Their immediate release seems to us the only policy a self-respecting Government can pursue."

The signatories to the memorial comprise eighteen ex-Ministers, including Mr. J. R. Clynes, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Sir Charles Trevelyan, Sir Ben Turner, Dr. Addison, Mr. Tom Johnston, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Lees-Smith, Mr. F. O. Roberts and Mr. T. Shaw; twenty-six members of Parliament and seven members of the House of Lords.

Mr. Jack Tanner, who during the day sent a telegram to Mr. Macdonald, informing him that the deputation was leaving, received the following reply from Lossiemouth:—

"The Prime Minister knows nothing of the deputation referred to in your telegram. The question referred to in the telegram was fully debated in the Commons as recently as last Thursday. The Prime Minister is, however, always willing to receive any friend who wishes to make a personal visit, but tomorrow he must leave by twelve-thirty to keep engagements.

"Private Secretary."

Mr. Tanner stated that the deputation would leave according to plan, and should arrive at about noon at the latest. This would give them half an hour in which to interview Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Lansbury left London last night for Lossiemouth. He was accompanied by Mr. Arthur J. Gillian, Secretary of the Chemical Workers' Union and Chairman of the Emergency Committee which was set up to deal with the case after the recent meeting at the National Trade Union Club. The Rev. A. D. Belden, of Whitefield Tabernacle, Tottenham Court road, was the other member of the party.

Mr. Lansbury said—We are going to ask Mr. Macdonald to consult with his colleague, the Home Secretary, and do his utmost to secure the release of Tom Mann and Llewellyn. We are quite certain that Mr. Macdonald will see us. Although I have not heard from him to-day, I think that, while he has said he will not receive a deputation, he will see a group of friends.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald last night stated that he still adhered to his decision not to receive political deputations.

I will meet the members of the deputation as friends and as a matter of courtesy, he said. He added that the case of Mr. Tom Mann was one for the Home Office.

IRISH PRISONER SENTENCED.

SURRENDERED AFTER ESCAPE.

John Ryan (22), who escaped from Brixton Prison and surrendered himself to the police, after a short liberty, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment at the South-Western Police Court, London, yesterday, for stealing £30 from the licensee of a Battersea public-house.

A police officer said that Ryan was the son of a respectable family in Ireland.

Ryan made no defence to the charge, and previous convictions were proved.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Parish of Kilcornan, Pallaskenry, will be vacant in the near future.

The Rev. J. W. Johnston has been appointed President of the Newry Clerical Club for 1933.

At an ordination held in Derry Cathedral the Revs. G. R. Minchin and J. A. Mee were ordained to the priesthood, and Messrs. S. W. Baker and R. A. Simmonds were ordained deacons and licensed to the curacies of All Saints', Clooney, and Conwall, respectively.

The Rev. E. M. Gumley has been appointed curate-in-charge of Clonabogan by the Bishop of Derry. He was ordained in 1900, and has been rector of Ballintoy since 1921.

At an ordination held in St. Stephen's, Belfast, by the Bishop of Meath, on behalf of the Bishop of Down, the following were ordained priests:—The Revs. C. W. C. Quin and P. A. G. Sheppard. The deacons ordained were:—Messrs D. H. Clarke, G. Freeman (for the curacies of St. Michael's), F. W. C. Whitcroft (St. Stephen's), C. H. Young (St. Patrick's, Ballymacarrett).

The Rev. E. A. Myles has been appointed to the Deanery of Dromore, the Rev. Canon Hanna to the Archdeaconry of Dromore, the Rev. W. E. Hurst to be Canon of Dromore, and the Rev. J. W. Cooke to be Canon of Connor.

The Bishop of Down has received two anonymous gifts of £50 and £250 respectively for the relief of distress in Belfast.

The following have been ordained deacons by the Bishop of Ossory in Kilkenny Cathedral:—Mr. R. H. Johnston (for the curacy of Rathdowney) and Mr. F. H. Gilling (for the curacy of Castlecomer).

The third meeting of the Dublin Clerical Association will be held at 37 Dawson street on Monday, January 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.:—Greek Testament, Epistle of St. James, chap. ii.; paper on "The Ethical Problem of the Atonement." Rev. E. M. Bateman, Speaker, Rev. Canon Graham.

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Any person offending against the above provisions is liable to a penalty of £5.

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Dated this 30th day of December, 1932.

M. J. RUSSELL,
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NOTICE OF ELECTION.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board hereby give Notice:—

1—That an Election of SIX TRADERS' MEMBERS and FOUR SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 10th day of JANUARY, 1933, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member" or as a "SHIPPING Member" and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:

NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
To be held on TUESDAY, the 10th day of JANUARY, 1933.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following Person as a Candidate:—

Surname.	Other names.	Abode or Place of Business.	Description.
Smith,	William Henry.	100 City quay.	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones.	360
James Robinson.	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.

Dated this day of 19
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer and Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1932.

6—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of JANUARY, 1933, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.

E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin.
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1932.

LIMERICK CIVIC CARNIVAL.
THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

COUPON SCHEME CASH PRIZES.

Prize.		Coupon Number.
1st,	£50	E65733
2nd,	£20	B38637
3rd,	£10	E46019
4th,	£1	C32884
5th,	£1	C48582
6th,	£1	A29472
7th,	£1	B31885
8th,	£1	A25798
9th,	£1	E99925
10th,	£1	B4989
11th,	£1	A76615
12th,	£1	D86693
13th,	£1	B70018
14th,	£1	A77985
15th,	£1	A21773
16th,	£1	A43690
17th,	£1	D20547
18th,	£1	E97752
19th,	£1	A6952
20th,	£1	D27100
21st,	£1	D18428
22nd,	£1	D45714
23rd,	£1	E68479

Claims to be made to Secretary, Limerick Development Association, 96 O'Connell street, Limerick, within three months from December 27th, 1932. After this period no claims will be entertained.

CHURCH NOTICES.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT BAPTIST COUNCIL.
A DAY OF PRAYER
Will (D.V.) be held in
HARCOURT STREET BAPTIST CHAPEL,
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).
MEETINGS, 10.30—12.30, 3—5, 7—9.
Friends may enter and leave at any time. Christians of all denominations who recognise the present special need for Prayer are warmly invited.

BELFAST ADVERTISERS.
Advertisements for next day's issue are received at our Branch Office, 13 (Lower) Donegall Street, up to 5.0 p.m. Telephone—Belfast, 1787.

SAVOY.
WEEK-DAYS CONTINUOUS .... 2 to 11.
SUNDAY, 3 p.m. and 8.30. Book for the 8.30 Performance. Doors Open 2.30 and 8 p.m.
RETAINED A FEW MORE DAYS!
BY INSISTENT POPULAR DEMAND,
"TARZAN, THE APE MAN."
The Greatest Film Sensation of the Year.
SHOWING at 2.20, 4.40, 7.0, 9.30.
Also LAUREL and HARDY in
"ONE GOOD TURN."
SHOWING at 2.0, 4.20, 6.45, 9.5.
EXHIBITION OF GRETA GARBO'S FILM,
"MATA HARI,"
TEMPORARILY POSTPONED.
WATCH FOR OPENING DATE.
PHILIP DORE AT THE SAVOY ORGAN.
THE UTMOST IN CINEMA COMFORT.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1932.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin presided at a meeting in the Mansion House last night and proposed a resolution appealing to all persons who believe in peace by negotiation and in the maintenance of the Treaty to combine "in one great national movement" to end the present "disastrous economic war." The resolution was passed unanimously.—(Page 7.)

There was a better export demand at the Dublin Cattle Market yesterday.—(Page 9.)

At a meeting of the County Wexford Bee-Keepers' Association in Enniscorthy yesterday a proposal that the name of Mr. George Bernard Shaw be removed from the list of members of the Association, in consequence of what was described as Mr. Shaw's "blasphemous statements" in his recent book, "The Adventures of the Black Girl in her Search for God," was adjourned to the general meeting next month.—(Page 8.)

An extension of the Dufferin Children's Hospital of the Belfast Infirmary, to be called the Ava Hospital, was opened yesterday by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Baldwin, in a New Year message to *Home and Empire*, states that the affairs of the country have been restored to a condition in which prosperity is possible. The Government's tariff policy, he says, is bearing fruit. Great Britain now is at the head of the list of exporting countries. —(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

Mr. Havenga, the South African Finance Minister, stated yesterday that the Union was not on a gold bullion standard or on a gold exchange standard.—(Page 7.)

France and Belgium are to abolish the quota system, having found that artificial control of imports by means of licensing has failed to improve home trade.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Cheltenham yesterday Society won the Stayers' Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were firm, with British Rails again a feature of strength. Some Industrials advanced.—(Page 2.)

Dublin Market was steady, but on the quiet side.—(Page 2.)

Free State Finance.

The Free State Government's first issue of three months' Exchequer Bills was announced last Saturday, and the lists were closed on Wednesday. Mr. McEntee asked for tenders for the sum of £2,500,000 in multiples of £5,000. The lowest unit for which a tender was accepted was £10,000; and yesterday the Department of Finance announced that the full amount had been subscribed at an average rate of £2 1s. 2.15d. *per cent.* Last week the British Government accepted tenders for the sum of £50,000,000 in Exchequer Bills at an average rate of £1 5s. 2.8d. *per cent.*; but the Dublin rate is encouraging, inasmuch as the banks have fixed a rate of 1½ *per cent.* on deposits of £2,000 and upwards. Some years ago Mr. J. P. Colbert, Chairman of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, foreshadowed the establishment of a Money Market in Dublin, in which the Government could borrow cheaply; and Mr. McEntee's experiment has shown that the idea has possibilities. Of course, any Money Market in Dublin would be on a very small scale. No London broker would look at a £10,000 bill, and the rate of borrowing always must be higher than that which could be obtained in England. Nevertheless, the mere fact that Mr. McEntee has obtained his money so readily, and at such a comparatively cheap rate of interest, is distinctly hopeful.

Mr. Cosgrave's Government set a sound example of conservative finance during its ten years of office; and, apart from a few minor lapses—such, for instance, as his budgetary excursion into the theory of gold ounces—Mr. McEntee has refrained from any undue experiments in his financial policy. His demands on the taxpayer have been high, but he has maintained that tradition of fundamental soundness which is the alpha and omega of intelligent finance. The man-in-the-street, however, who ultimately keeps the Exchequer provided with funds, is not taken sufficiently into the Government's confidence. Week after week the Revenue returns are published, but they very often fail to give any intelligible explanation of the real condition of affairs. No reason has been given, for example, for the sudden issue of £2,500,000 in Exchequer bills. What does Mr. McEntee propose to do with this money, which, for the Free State, is a very substantial sum? We know that *Dáil Eireann* has approved of a number of ill-advised bounties and subsidies in an effort to counteract the effects of the British tariffs. No provision was made in the Budget for these parliamentary grants, and, perhaps, the Exchequer bills—which must be redeemed at the end of three months—are intended to finance them. Hitherto, however, the public has been kept entirely in the dark.

There are other aspects of Free State finance which are a puzzle to the layman. In the first place, there is an Emergency Fund of £2,000,000, which was voted by the *Oireachtas* to finance the "economic war" against Great Britain. Where has this money been found, and how much of it—if any—remains in the Exchequer? Last week there was a sum of £1,224,582 to the Government's credit, but the country has no information concerning its origin. In the next place, as a result of the Government's retention of the land annuities and other sums, we are informed that at the end of the present year there will be some £5,000,000 in the "Suspense Account." Here again is an item which demands explanation. Has this very large sum of money actually been laid aside by the Government in order, if necessary, to enable Britain's claims eventually to be met? In that event, we presume, the money is bearing interest; but no information has been vouchsafed. Possibly, the "Suspense Account" is purely a matter of book-keeping. We do not know; and we shall be glad if Mr. McEntee will take an early opportunity to enlighten the public. The Government has no lack of money. Its revenue is increasing steadily, in consequence of the increased tariffs and the "raid" on the Hospitals' Sweepstakes Funds. Approximately, one million pounds will be required to pay off the dollar bonds that were issued in connection with the Republican Loan in the United States. For what other purpose does the Government need new money? There have been hints of a £5,000,000 loan next year. The 4½ *per Cent.* Loan is hardly off the stocks, and we fail to see any reason for a fresh issue. Complete frankness on the Government's part is an essential condition of public confidence.

The Indian Experiment.

In the coming year the Imperial Parliament will be invited to endow India with the fateful gift of political independence. The third and last session of the Round-Table Conference has been brought to an end, and a considerable measure of agreement has been reached on some leading issues—largely through the tact and patience of Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary of State for India. On the basis of this agreement the British Government will frame the Indian Reforms Bill which will be submitted, some three months hence, to the Joint Select Committee of Parliament. In the meanwhile, no doubt, earnest efforts will be made to reduce that large body of disagreement which all the discussions of the last two years have failed to conquer. Hindu and Moslem continue to distrust one another profoundly, and have not been brought together on the matter of electoral areas. The size of the Federal Chambers and the allocation of seats remain unsettled. The Indian States, though they have accepted the principle of reform, are exceedingly jealous of their rights; and the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawanagar says that "nothing definite has been done to harmonise with the policy laid down by the Princes at the meeting of the Chamber last March." Moreover, while on one crucial point—the powers of the Governor-General—the Round-Table Conference has reached an agreement of principle, the application of the principle to practice may produce a succession of crises. All the delegates have agreed that during a period of transition the Governor-General must be responsible for defence and other reserved subjects, and must be able to take effective control if India's military or political safety or her financial credit is threatened, and if the danger cannot be averted by any normal means. When the Imperial Parliament has been committed definitely to its great experiment, who will define the period of transition or the "normal means" of constitutional action; and what will the peace of India be worth if the Chambers decide to defy the Governor-General's authority? It must not be forgotten that during the Round-Table discussions the powers reserved to the Imperial Parliament have dwindled from the dozen of the British Government's original assurance to some two or three. In effect, under the proposed Constitution the Governor-General's powers of complete control will extend only to Foreign Affairs and the Army. So, it seems, the wheel has come full circle. For nearly two hundred years Britain held India with her Army. Now, under a wide scheme of democratic self-government, she will continue to hold India, in the last resort, with her Army; and, in the last resort, 350,000,000 Indians will thank their gods for that Army's existence.

Railway Speeds.

Recent months have witnessed some remarkable increases in railway speeds. In England the so-called Cheltenham Flyer has contrived to traverse a 77½-mile stretch at an average speed of 81½ miles an hour. One of the London, Midland and Scottish trains performs the journey between Liverpool and London at an average speed of more than 64 miles an hour, representing a saving in time of twenty-five minutes. Very nearly as fast is one of the Manchester-London expresses, which accomplishes its journey in three and a half hours. There are many other instances of excellent times, which render the British railway system, on the whole, the fastest in the world. Forty-five minutes, for example, are saved on the journey between London and Edinburgh, and, without doubt, a still greater improvement will be effected during the coming year. The Irish railways, too, have begun to attend to their performances. A notable event of the year was the quickening of the Great Northern trains on the Dublin-Belfast route, whereby the best part of half an hour has been saved on previous times—and we must not forget that the Great Northern runs are hampered by the demands of the Customs examination at the border. The Southern Railways' Dublin-to-Cork trains showed their paces during the summer season, when the run was shortened very sensibly. Motor traffic, if its rate of progress is not limited for the public safety, must limit itself for the comfort of its passengers. The train, secure on its rails, travels at eighty miles an hour with no greater inconvenience to the passengers than when it is plodding gently at thirty. Who, in these conditions, can say that the day of the railways is over? Let him but try to accomplish the Dublin-Belfast journey in two and a half hours by any other land route.

Not Cricket.

The death of John McCarthy Blackham, who probably was the greatest wicket-keeper in the history of the game, snaps virtually the last link with the famous cricketers of the past. Nearly all the old stalwarts now are gone, and cricket has fallen on evil days. Batsmen can make bigger scores than ever; bowlers can capture wickets more cheaply, and fielding has been brought to a high pitch of perfection; but anybody who has been following the activities of the M.C.C. team in Australia must admit that something is radically wrong. Cricket is essentially a game, but during the M.C.C.'s tour in Australia the local Press has been treating the Test Matches as if they were decisive of national destinies. When Mr. Jardine rested his regular bowlers in Tasmania there was a howl of protest, on the ground that the English captain was taking an unfair advantage of his Australian opponents. When the so-called "leg-trap" theory was practised by the English attack virulent articles accused the visitors of foul play. Again, there is the preposterous case of Don Bradman, whose attitude towards the Australian Board of Control is more like that of a film "star" than of an amateur cricketer. If this kind of thing is allowed to continue, the Test Matches will kill the grand old game of cricket.

SIR JAMES BARRIE INDISPOSED.

CONFINED TO BED WITH COLD.

Sir James Barrie is confined to bed at his home at Adelphi Terrace House, Strand, London, W.C., with a severe cold. It was stated last night that Sir James's condition was not regarded as serious, and that he was remaining in bed under doctor's orders.

Sir James Barrie had intended to attend the funeral of Lord Northbourne, which took place at Betteshanger, near Deal, Kent, yesterday, but was unable to leave his bed.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A trough of low pressure over our western districts is moving eastwards, but its motion is likely to become very slow in the south. Weather will be unsettled, but there will be bright intervals in the west and north.

North-West, North-East, South-East and South-West Ireland.—Moderate or fresh, west to south-west wind; bright intervals; local showers of rain or sleet; colder.

Sea Passages.—Irish Sea and St. George's Channel—Moderate, west to south-west wind; local showers; sea moderate.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer: Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hours
23	29.784	47.1	55	47	50	S.W.	4.6	0.0
24	29.537	49.7	52	44	39	S.W.	trace	0.0
25	30.590	50.0	53	44	38	S.	0.0	3.1
26	30.294	49.9	52	43	33	S.W.	0.0	0.8
27	30.154	45.2	51	45	45	W.	1.3	0.0
28	29.848	53.5	54	41	33	S.S.W.	0.0	1.1
29	29.631	46.6	56	46	47	W.S.W.	0.8	1.5

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.41	8.40
Sets	4.15	4.16
Lighting-up Time	5.15	5.16
High Water—Dublin.		
Morning	1. 4	1.50
Evening	1.21	2. 9

VICAR OF BELFAST.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY LAST NIGHT.

The Venerable W. F. Kerr, D.D., was instituted Vicar of Belfast, and installed in St. Anne's Cathedral, of a special Service last night. He was installed by the Archdeacon of Connor. A special sermon was preached by the Bishop of Derry, and the Lesson was read by the Archdeacon of Down, the Rev. C. C. Manning.

The Bishop of Derry, in his sermon, paid a warm tribute to the new Dean, whom he described as one of his oldest friends. The Church of Ireland had recently passed through difficult times, both in the South and in the West, but it had not been crushed out or destroyed, and had remained true to its principles and its creed in a manner which impressed even its enemies.

NEW CANON OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The Archbishop of Dublin has appointed the Rev. John Powell, M.A., incumbent of the Parish of Howth, to be a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, in the room of Canon Chamberlain, who relinquished his stall there on his installation as a Canon of St. Patrick's.

BRITISH COKE FOR UNITED STATES.

It was reported on Newcastle Commercial Exchange yesterday that, after protracted negotiations, arrangements had been made for the sale of from 70,000 to 80,000 tons of coke nuts for shipment to Northern Range ports of the United States during next year. A cargo of coke has also been sold to Havana.

MR. MACDONALD PLAYS GOLF.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, accompanied by his son Malcolm, his daughter Ishbel, and Miss Hilda Cameron, the Scottish and international woman golfer, enjoyed a round of golf at Spey Bay yesterday.

POSTAL AMENITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As many of us would welcome assistance in solving our present financial difficulties, the example set by the Post Office may, perhaps, be quoted with advantage. Recently I received from a foreign country—viz., England—two packets, each containing a work of fiction, packed in accordance with the regulations of that country and bearing the correct amount of postage. Before obtaining delivery I must (a) pay the difference between the original postage and parcel post rate in this country, the packets having been sent by letter post; (b) pay a fine for the sender's delinquency; (c) pay a Customs duty, and (d) a further fee for the labour involved in transferring the packets from one department to another, possibly in the same building. The charge made under (a) will, I presume, like the land annuities, be retained in this country.

Official explanation for each item, no doubt, exists, but some impost I must pay, and in addition apparently allow my literary liberty to be judged by another's conscience.—Yours, etc.,

"HARD UP."

Co. Kilkenny, December 29th, 1932.

Mrs. J. McFadden, Millaghland, Co. Cavan, had her leg broken when a wall fell on her at her home.

Tyneside boilermakers have decided to stop all overtime on shipbuilding and repairing work on the Tyne from January 1st in order that employment may be better distributed.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Queen sent a number of dolls for the Christmas tree in the Barton and Queen Alexandra Wards in the London Homœopathic Hospital on Wednesday, when Mrs. Howard (Mayoress of Holborn) distributed the gifts.

The Princess Royal will attend the concert in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children at Hackney, for which Sir Edward and Lady Stern are lending their house in Carlton House terrace next month.

The Marquess of Zetland will leave Liverpool to-day for Canada. The Hon. Reginald and Mrs. Fellowes left yesterday for a trip to the Island of Bali, and will not return to England till the end of February. Beatrice Countess of Portsmouth is on her way to the West Indies. Sir A. and Lady Crosfield have left for the South of France.

Lord and Lady Talbot de Malahide, who spent Christmas in England, have returned to Malahide Castle, Co. Dublin. Sir John and Lady Milbanke have returned to London from Himley Hall, where they spent Christmas with the Earl of Dudley. Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill returned yesterday to Queensmead, Windsor, from Cowdray Park, Midhurst.

Four peers celebrated their birthdays yesterday—the Earl of Sandwich, who is fifty-eight; the Earl of Howe, who is fifty-nine; the Earl of Longford, who succeeded in 1915, is thirty, and Lord Phillimore, who was created a Baron in 1918, is fifty-three.

There has been a great influx of visitors at St. Moritz since Christmas. Among the latest British arrivals are Earl Poulett, Lady Marjorie Dalrymple-Hamilton, Lord and Lady Vernon, Claire Lady Manton, Sir G. Head, Sir Orme and Lady Clarke, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Mollison, Mr. Justice Maughan, Mr. S. Guinness, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kindersley and Mrs. Alistair Cameron.

The Aga Khan has left London for Paris, where he will remain for some time. The latest arrivals in Paris include Lady Ribblesdale, Lord Melchett, Lord Conway, Count Albert Mensdorff, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor.

Cardinal Bourne, who has made a good recovery, is now on his way to England on board the Orient liner Orford, which is due at Plymouth on Wednesday, January 4th.

Viscountess Erleigh is making a good recovery from the recent accident to her foot. The Hon. Mrs. Ernest Guinness is still laid up after the operation on her ear, but is making progress towards recovery. Sir Frederick Mills, M.P., who had an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday, is doing well.

Dr. R. P. S. Lewer has changed his residence to 164 Castle avenue, Clontarf.

Switzers Restaurant (Grafton street)—because of its central position, its excellent service and delightfully varied menu—is always a popular rendezvous for Lunch and Tea. Very moderate charges. Open until 7 p.m. (Saturday 3 p.m.).

Holmes' Annual Winter Sale commences Monday, 2nd January. Hundreds of genuine bargains to be picked up.—69-71 George's street, Dublin.

Margaret Watson's Sale to-day. Special value in Three-piece and Two-piece Knitted and Tweed Suits. All remaining Winter Coats at half price.—17A Dawson street.

Reduction Sale. Original French Models and Copies.—Paul, 12 Wicklow street.

Sale—All Hats reduced regardless of cost. Tanner and Shire, 11 Wicklow street.

Rooney and Wilson, 51A Dawson st., during their January Sale are offering their stock of Winter Coats, Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Wool Frocks, etc., at very reduced prices.

Mathieson, Dawson street, Dublin—Reductions in all Departments on and from Monday, January 2nd.

Slyne's Sale. All our Models reduced enormously, as they must be cleared to make room for Spring goods. — Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street and Harry street.

Slyne's Sale. Tailored Suits to order from 5½ gns.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Dixon, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Sullivan, W. H. Fry, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Loft, R. C. Hormer, Captain G. H. Hale, Dr. and Mrs. R. Cluston, Captain R. C. Dodd, Captain Drury, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Neston, Captain R. C. Boyne, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Watts, Major W. R. Hair, Mr. and Mrs. Fanning, Mr. Bex, Mr. M'Gregor, R. Burton, A. L. Riley, J. M. Scott, Miss E. H. Parker, W. H. Davis, F. Riley, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Platt, Mr. Broadbent, D. Earnshaw, Mrs. D. C. Hurst, L. Crawford, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Callaghan, Mr. Morris, T. G. Gorman, Mrs. Gorman, Mr. Sims, D. C. Ruston, L. R. Flood, D. L. Berran, C. L. Crofton, G. O'Connell, J. M'Millan, R. C. M'Intosh, Mr. Fry, Mr. Warren, Mr. Moyner, Thomas Jackson, D. K. Kettle, Mrs. D. K. Kettle, Miss Kettle, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunlop, F. R. Dunlop, Mrs. V. Barrett, Miss Kathleen Nixon, B. Shaw, Captain and Mrs. Russell-Webb, Professor and Mrs. J. D. Doyle, Francis Tobin, Michael M'Gillion, R. E. Young, Mrs. Jack M'Farland, Mrs. M. Quinn, Dr. H. H. James, and J. J. Kennedy.

Among the departures were:—M. Doyle, C. Cormer, M. C. Brook, Miss E. A. Hunter, Dr. H. J. Wilsdon, Miss M. N. Lockhart, J. H. Saville, Charles R. Boland, Miss W. Piercy, C. J. E. Rathborne, R. S. Ryan, E. G. More-O'Ferrall, D. G. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Pole, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Portere, Mr. and Miss Clayton, Miss Bernard, Miss Eithne Bourke, Dr. and Mrs. Hammell, Mrs. J. Norman Ross, Miss L. E. Harding, Miss C. L. Bowes, Miss R. O'Connell, Mrs. K. Barre, Miss Rosalie Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Keane, F. T. Bagnall, A. E. Bagnall, and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Greer.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—J. Armstrong, J. Barry, Major Crozier, H. F. Donnellan, R. B. Eason, Captain Findlay, J. Good, Lieut.-Commander Hussey, G. Johnstone, T. Kane, J. Atkin, Miss Abbott, H. B. Boland, T. Coubrough, W. V. Dickinson, J. Fogarty, P. R. Gale, G. H. Henry, T. Jacob, J. Burke, H. M. Bream, Miss G. E. Grook, Miss Dawson, Miss L. C. Donovan, T. Gleeson, J. P. Harkins, Miss Keegan, W. P. Corwell, T. Masterson, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dea, E. Porteous, R. H. Shaw, J. Smith, R. Thorley, H. Vickers, Miss Wilkinson, C. R. Whitcroft, Miss Pritchard, L. A. M. Sharp, Miss Sweetman, Surgeon-Commander MacDowell, T. Shepherd, C. Winterbottom, and C. R. Lightfoot.

Among the departures were:—Lady Greer, Miss Dias, Rev. Father William, J. S. Whitaker, P. Fleming, G. C. Robb, D. H. Cassidy, G. H. L. Stubbs, T. Hunter, Surgeon-Commander F. L. MacDowell, E. G. Compton, Miss G. Knox, H. Smith, J. Crean, Miss Watchman, Miss C. M. Brown, J. Flynn, C. H. Guest, Mrs. Hoskin, Mr. and Mrs. Foxton, G. C. Robb, T. Gale, Miss A. Duff, Miss Greer, E. A. Lanigan, R. D. Roberts, Miss Ryan, T. Teisen, Lieut. Ahern, A. S. Atkin, T. Gibson, J. Slinger, J. H. Burns, T. Muirhead, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. McCann, Mr. and Mrs. Reeve, Mrs. Williams, T. M. R. Ahern, Miss Traynor, Mrs. K. Ryan, Miss R. Tatton Brown, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rose, Miss R. Long, Miss F. Moore and Miss Neary.

Bring your Boys and Youths to us for bargains in High-class Clothing and Outfitting that can be had at our Winter Sale, which starts to-day.—"Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

Autumn Clearance Sale of Surplus Stock begins to-day. Anderson's, 10 George's street.

Carpets Shaken and Cleaned. — Millar and Beatty, 14 Grafton street.

MR. JAMES McNEILL.

THE HONOURS LIST RUMOUR.

With regard to the report that Mr. James McNeill, late Governor-General of the Irish Free State, will figure in the Honours List, Mr. McNeill, in reply to an *Irish Times* representative, said: "I have no knowledge whatever as to my name appearing in the New Year's Honours List, and consequently I have given the matter no consideration."

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Lecture on "Submarines" by Lieutenant-Commander Dixon, D.S.C.—R.D.S., Ballsbridge, 4 p.m.
Queen's County Hunt Ball—Stradbally Hall.
British Legion Bal Masque—Metropole.

AMUSEMENTS.
Gaiety Theatre—"Aladdin."
Olympia Theatre—"Cinderella."
Abbey Theatre—"The Nativity Play" and "The Big Sweep."
Gate Theatre—"Cyrano De Bergerac."
Metropole Cinema—"Sky Devils."
Queen's Theatre—"Red Riding Hood."
Grafton Cinema—"The First Year."
Theatre Royal—Variety.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire — "What Price Hollywood?"
Capitol Cinema—"Million Dollar Legs" and "Sinbad the Sailor."
Savoy Cinema—"Tarzan, the Ape Man" and "One Good Turn."
Corinthian Cinema—"Behind the Mask" and "Riding Tornado."

SPORTING.
Hunting—Meath Hounds, meet at Laracor Cross-roads, 11 a.m.

LONDON LETTER.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

The developments in South Africa led to further complications in the City to-day, and the market remained on a purely nominal basis. There are virtually no South African pounds at present, owing to an almost general fear that they may suffer a sharp fall in value during the next few days. The dealers in South African Gold Mining shares possess no knowledge as to the course prices are likely to take, and are thus unable to carry on arbitrage operations with the dealers in Johannesburg. This is regarded as disappointing, as the boom in Kaffir shares at the Cape has raised prices to within 15 to 20 *per cent.* of London levels, while speculators in Johannesburg are expecting that big benefits for the mines will be derived from a fall in the value of currency and a consequent rise in the South African price for gold. There is a feeling in the City that the situation is likely to become increasingly difficult for a time, though it may be eased by the definite announcement that South Africa has gone off the gold standard.

The Income Tax.

The greater portion of the income tax for 1932-3 has yet to be collected. As was the case early this year, every effort will be made to speed up the payments, and the collectors are making last-minute preparations for the receipt of a deluge of cheques. It is generally acknowledged that taxpayers in increased numbers may find it even more difficult than it was last year to find the money, and, while no arrangement for facilitating easy payment is likely, special circumstances may receive consideration in extreme cases. The tax is due on or before January 1st, and the authorities warned the taxpayer early in December so that he might have time to prepare. It is uncertain whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer will secure all the millions he budgetted for, but I understand that there is reason to believe that he will, in spite of the general depression in trade. The amount required before March 31st is £250,000,000, including sur-tax, and at present the payments made are £14,000,000 less than at the same date last year.

Mr. Lansbury's View.

Mr. Lansbury to-day appeared to be fixed in his determination to interview Mr. Ramsay Macdonald at Lossiemouth to-morrow, with a view to securing the release of Mr. Tom Mann and Mr. Emrhys Llewellyn from their detention following their refusal to give a pledge to keep the peace for twelve months. The Prime Minister has stated that he is not receiving political deputations at his Scottish home, and that the case in point is one for the Home Office. Mr. Lansbury, who will be accompanied by two friends, said to-day that he could not imagine the Prime Minister's refusing to see a parliamentary colleague, and that his interest in Mr. Tom Mann was personal. He added that in his view people ought to be allowed to say whatever they please; it is when they come to do things they ought to be stopped.

Chemical Warfare.

It may be remembered that Mr. Baldwin, speaking in the House of Commons a few weeks ago, drew attention to the possible horrors of the next war, including the use of poison gas. The warning has not been ignored, and the officers of the London Brigade of the St. John Ambulance Association have been taking a course of instruction in special anti-gas methods, with the object of becoming instructors of the Brigade generally. These lessons will be passed on later to the provincial officers. The training demonstrates the use of gas masks, treatment of sufferers from gas poisoning, and the preparation of buildings for use during a gas attack. The instructions do not indicate in any way that chemical warfare is expected, but are intended to keep the workers abreast of the times.

Railway Wages.

It is not improbable that the findings of the Railway Wages Board, which has been considering the claim of the railway companies for a further cut in wages, may be expedited. The independent members of the Board held a meeting to-day instead of waiting until January 6th. There will be a meeting of the full Board on January 10th, and its conclusions may be published on the following day.

Christmas Trade.

Comparisons between the Christmas trade of this year and last have resulted in the opinion that the retailers of London have done very good business on this occasion. One of the leading firms stated that its increase was as much as 20 *per cent.* more than last year's figures. The big stores report a definite advance in all departments, and a general summing up was that it has been a very good season on the whole—in many cases equal to that of 1930, which is regarded as a "record" period. A feature of the shopping was that purchasers appear to turn more and more towards useful articles for presents, mostly in the direction of solid articles likely to stand wear, discarding the once popular foreign fancy goods. The story from Outer London is not quite so satisfactory, but the shopkeepers say that they have no great reason for complaint, though the competition of the great London stores affects them in a marked degree. To-day London was a city of sales, and nearly every shop window displayed sale signs.

Empty Houses.

A year or so ago empty houses in London were few and far between, except in the West End districts, where they were numerous; but now the number is very considerable, and still shows a tendency to increase. A report of the London County Council on rate collection reveals that the local authorities last year lost over one million pounds owing to the abnormal number of empty properties on which no rates were paid. During the year empty houses increased from 15,000 to 19,000, three thousand being in Westminster and 1,437 in the City. So considerable is the amount of property available that rents are being reduced—particularly in the case of the larger houses.

Mansions and big villas are most difficult to let or sell, and it is related that a fine mansion at Hampstead, which changed hands a few years ago at £15,000, cannot be sold for a third of that price. The luxury flat is also experiencing difficulties, and in the Hampstead district about seven hundred are wanting tenants. A similar story may be told of nearly all the suburbs, where luxury building has been a feature during the past few years.

The National "Grid."

The Lord Mayor of London will inaugurate the new Southern Railway electrified line to Brighton to-morrow, and the thousands who afterwards make the journey to the office, or the week-end journey to the sea, will owe much to the much-maligned "grid," with its huge switching stations and pylons. The new service is not only the first main line electric service in the country, but is also the first spectacular application of the national "grid" to transport purposes. No other electric railway in the world has behind it the whole resources of a national electricity scheme. In the event of a breakdown there is always another way round, and the railway could be supplied with current from the North, if necessary.

At Donegal County Council meeting yesterday, after it had been reported that relief work had been interfered with, it was decided to expedite the work and employ as many men as possible.

SOUTH AFRICA OFF GOLD.

STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER.

GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED BY GENERAL SMUTS.

NOTHING LEFT TO THEM BUT TO RESIGN.

THE statement made by Mr. Havenga, the South African Finance Minister, yesterday in Pretoria makes clear the position of the Union as regards the gold standard.

The country, he said, was neither on a gold bullion standard nor on a gold exchange standard, and the banks were free to fix the rates of exchange between South Africa and other countries. This statement is taken by financiers in the Union to mean that South Africa is definitely off the gold standard, but that there is no linking with sterling.

The Government's abandonment of the gold standard was denounced by General Smuts yesterday, in Johannesburg, as wild blundering. They should, he said, have followed sterling absolutely, and the only thing left to them now was to resign.

MR. HAVENGA'S STATEMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDDENT.

PRETORIA, Thursday.

Business sagged throughout the Union to-day in succession to the confusion of yesterday. This was due to the rapid spreading of the news that the Reserve Bank had refused even to quote exchange rates for the South African pound.

Mr. Havenga, the Finance Minister, made the Government's position clear, however, in an official statement this afternoon. He says:—

(1) South Africa is not on a gold bullion standard, for the reason that gold specie and gold bullion cannot be obtained from the banks in the Union.

(2) South Africa is not on a gold exchange standard, because the Government has not taken steps under its emergency powers to regulate exchange transactions.

(3) The banks have a free hand to fix the rates of exchange between South Africa and other countries.

FINDING THEIR LEVEL.

The Finance Minister added that the Government have no intention, in the present circumstances, of influencing these rates in any respect.

"They will," he said, "find their level in accordance with current monetary and trade conditions. The future course of the country's monetary policy will have to be dealt with and determined by Parliament when it assembles next month."

Mr. Havenga recalled the decision to remain on gold, and the rejection of the Opposition proposal that the currency should be devaluated.

The Government had taken that as final. Speculators in sterling, on the other hand, hoped that the Union would be forced off gold, so that they should make a profit.

MR. ROOS'S APPEARANCE.

"The task of the Government would have been easier," Mr. Havenga said, "had the inhabitants of the country accepted the Government's decision. The hope of speculators was revived, however, by the agitation of General Smuts. Nevertheless, the Government had been able to protect the stability and world value of the currency until the sudden move of Mr. Tielman Roos caused a certain expectation that the devaluation advocates would be placed in power.

"Speculation then increased to such a pitch that it was estimated that nearly £3,000,000 left the country in three days. Had the run continued the banks would have been forced to close their doors yesterday. Other financial institutions would have been shaken.

"The only way to prevent a disaster was to release the Reserve Bank of its obligation to redeem notes in gold, thereby detaching the currency from the gold standard.

CAUSE OF THE CRISIS.

"Throughout the Government adhered to the principle of the Macmillan report, that for a country like the Union of South Africa voluntarily to abandon the gold standard and depreciate the currency was an act which no Government could take with credit or honour."

Unlike the position in Britain, said Mr. Havenga, the crisis was due to South Africa's own people, encouraged by politicians of the Union.

Mr. Havenga's statement sums up the present position, but the action now to be taken by the banks is still uncertain. Banking business was at a stand-still here to-day after the Reserve Bank had refused to quote rates. The Post Office for a time issued money orders to a limit of £100. Hundreds of persons rushed to the post offices, where long queues of applicants for money orders were formed, but shortly before noon the Post Office also ceased to issue money orders.

It is gathered unofficially that the banks may quote a reduced discount rate on sterling to-morrow for the purpose of testing the South African pound before any decision regarding the currency is announced.

Excitement continued on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange to-day, and this was increased when the Chairman announced the bank's decision. The market was active, but dealers concentrated to-day more on specialised and more popular stocks.

The position, so far as the gold mines are concerned, is that the agreement with the Reserve Bank, having been automatically ended, the gold producers and the bank are engaged in amicable discussion of the new situation with the object of reaching a mutually satisfactory understanding, and ensuring continued co-operation between the producers and the bank for the marketing and realisation of the gold output.

DEFINITELY OFF GOLD.

CLEARING THE AIR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CAPE TOWN, Thursday.

To clear up any confusion which may exist on the subject, Reuter's Correspondent is able to state that ever since Mr. Havenga's original *communiqué* on Tuesday to Reuter, South Africa has been definitely and irrevocably off the gold standard, but not linked with sterling.

The position is summed up in a comprehensive manner by Mr. Havenga in his statement to-night, and anything to the contrary is incorrect.

"WILD BLUNDERING."

GENERAL SMUTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

JOHANNESBURG, Thursday.

General Smuts expressed amazement that the Government, in abandoning the gold standard, should have omitted to follow sterling, in an interview given to-day to the *Rand Daily Mail*. The leader of the South African Party described the Government's action as "wild blundering."

"The only thing left for the Government is to resign," he added. "They have blundered hopelessly. They should have followed sterling resolutely, but they have just left gold—and left us in the soup. Entire disorganisation will result, and the country will suffer enormously."

THE REICHSBANK.

NO DEALING IN SOUTH AFRICAN POUNDS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The Reichsbank to-day refused to deal in South African currency, neither buying nor selling South African pounds, in view of the uncertainty as to their value. But this measure is only a provisional one, and the Reichsbank will resume dealings in South African pounds to-morrow if possible.

The Bourse trade in South African pounds was at a standstill, their value to-day on the basis of the London quotations being 19 marks for one South African pound as compared with 20 marks yesterday.

MR. ROOS AND A NEW PARTY.

WARNING TO GENERAL SMUTS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PRETORIA, Thursday.

Mr Tielman Roos, in an interview to-night, said that he was not in the least deterred by the official announcement of the abandonment of gold from his scheme for the formation of a National Government. Racialism was dead, he said, and must remain dead.

Moreover, he did not approve of the Government's policy of departing from gold, and leaving everything in the hands of the banks. The result would be a fluctuating exchange, from which the country was bound to suffer.

Mr. Roos added significantly: "It is possible that General Smuts and his advisers will force me into a position into which I do not desire to be forced—namely, to create a new party in South Africa. If I do so, that party will attract all the younger men and the older men who have the interest of the country at heart, and it will be a party strong enough to smash both the existing large parties to smithereens.

"This is my last warning to General Smuts."

£50,000,000 MATCH SUIT.

U.S. ACTION AGAINST KREUGER DIRECTORS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Eight American directors of the bankrupt International Match Corporation, which was a subsidiary of Kreuger and Toll, are accused of "misfeasance and nonfeasance" in two suits filed in the Supreme Court by the Irving Trust Company, the trustees for the International Match Corporation.

The sum of 249,981,000 dollars (about £50,000,000 at par) damages for disbursements from unearned dividends is demanded, and an accounting is demanded of a sum of 100,000,000 dollars which is alleged to have been wrongfully paid out by the company in the course of a variety of consolidations.

Mr. Terry McGovern, Foscarry, Co. Cavan, who died at the age of 102, was imprisoned at the age of 18 for taking part in the insurrection of 1848.

IRAQI MONARCH AS GUEST OF KING.

CEMENTING FRIENDSHIP BEGUN BY MANDATE.

King Feisal of Iraq will arrive in London in June, and will be the guest of His Majesty the King.

This announcement was made to Reuter's by General Nuri Pasha, a former Prime Minister of Iraq, who arrived in London yesterday to take up his duties as head of the Iraqi delegation to the Economic Conference.

Nuri Pasha also announced that the Iraqi Government would shortly create Legations in Rome and Paris.

ARGENTINE DUTIES ABOLISHED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BUENOS AIRES, Thursday.

The Chamber has abolished the ten per cent. additional Customs duties on accessory machinery for plant, and material which enters duty free, and on material intended exclusively for aerial machines.

QUOTAS SYSTEM TO GO.

MOVE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

FAILURE OF IMPORT LICENSING.

HIGHER CUSTOMS DUTY INSTEAD.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BRUSSELS, Thursday.

BRITISH exporters to the Continent will welcome news of the negotiations now in progress in both Belgium and France for abolishing the quotas system of controlling import trade.

Already it is becoming evident that artificial control by means of import licences has failed to achieve the result of improving home trade in either country.

England has some experience of the effect of the quota system on the home coal trade. The British coal exporters' agents in Belgium have sometimes had to reject large orders hard won in the face of severe continental competition.

British motor manufacturers, too, will be relieved when they no longer have to obtain licences before sending their cars to Belgian customers.

STIFLED ENTERPRISE.

The number of cars which any British manufacturer may introduce into Belgium in any given month must not exceed the number he imported in the corresponding month of 1931.

British cars are becoming more and more popular in Belgium, but the licence to import them still depends on the statistics of an adverse year.

Belgians buy many British shoes. The quota is 22,000 pairs this year, as against 40,000 pairs which British agents could sell in Belgium.

The good news is, however, accompanied by a sharp reminder that Belgium must balance her Budget this year. Part of the deficit is to be made up by an increase in Customs duties. The scale of duties on motor cars, for instance, is under review, and will, it is understood, undergo a general increase, besides being made more comprehensive.

"NATIONAL CRISIS" LEVY.

DRASTIC REVENUE STEPS IN BELGIUM.

The new Finance Bill, which has been adopted by the Chamber of Deputies, contains drastic proposals for balancing the Budget. The following are the principal measures of the bill:—

(1) A national crisis levy of from one to four per cent., according to the amount of the yield, on all salaries, pensions and allowances, as well as on the returns from invested capital and landed property.

(2) A special tax on exceptional profits from the import, export, manufacture or sale of products which require an import or export licence.

These two measures are expected to bring in 450 million Belgian francs (about £3,000,000 at present rates).

The Government is also authorised to take by decree without previously obtaining the sanction of Parliament all measures which may be necessary for increasing the yield of the existing taxes by another £3,000,000.

ECONOMY MEASURES.

In addition to increased taxation the following measures of economy were adopted:—The reduction of 800,000,000 francs in the amount of the Budget, which was effected in 1932, is maintained for 1933; the pay of the Militia is reduced; the estimates for national defence are reduced from 1,056 million francs to 926 millions; all recruiting for the public services is suspended; the control established over existing taxation will be tightened so as to obtain an increased revenue of 200,000,000 francs; certain abuses in unemployed pay and old age pensions will be abolished; finally, the Government is authorised to issue a short term loan, which will be consolidated as soon as possible.

Despite the severity of these measures the news of their adoption has been favourably received by the general public, which sees in the immense effort required of the country, the guarantee of a definitely balanced Budget.

CONGRESS LEADER TO SEE VICEROY.

OPENING WAY FOR NEW NEGOTIATIONS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

AHMEDABAD, Thursday.

The Pandit Malaviya, it is understood, will shortly see the Viceroy for the purpose of opening the way for negotiations between Congress and the Government.

This follows the request of the Indian Liberals at the Round-Table Conference for the release of political prisoners, including Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. Gandhi, satisfied that the high caste Hindu leaders are now doing their best to remove the disabilities of the "Untouchables," announces that he has definitely postponed the fast he had originally proposed to hold on their behalf at the beginning of the New Year.

Mr. Kellapan, one of his disciples, who also started a fast outside the famous Temple of Guruvayoor, with the object of securing admission to the temple for the Untouchables, has likewise postponed the resumption of his fast, which he temporarily abandoned at Mr. Gandhi's desire in order to give the temple authorities time to make up their mind on the question.

FREE STATE EXCHEQUER BILLS.

LOW AVERAGE RATE.

The following official statement was issued by the Free State Department of Finance last night:—

Tenders were received at the Bank of Ireland for Exchequer Bills, amounting to £2,500,000, as advertised. After consideration and rejection of a number of tenders the whole amount was finally allotted at an average rate per cent. per annum of £2 1s. 2.15d.

MR. SAMUEL INSULL.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

ATHENS, Thursday.

In view of telegraphic advices to the effect that the American judicial authorities propose to appeal against the decision of the Court of Appeal to reject the application of the American authorities for the extradition of Mr. Samuel Insull, it is officially stated that the Court's decision is final and irrevocable, and that Greek law provides no legal means for its reversal.

PROSPERITY IS POSSIBLE.

MR. BALDWIN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

MR. BALDWIN, leader of the Conservative Party, in a New Year message contributed to *Home and Empire*, says:—

The Government may have made mistakes—for even National Governments with "record" majorities are human—but, with a rare singleness of purpose, it has devoted itself to the national interest. Its reward is that the affairs of the country have been restored to a condition in which prosperity is possible. A year ago conditions made disaster probable and prosperity impossible. The difference is enormous—as enormous as that between an invalid who is dangerously ill and one who is convalescent.

Reviewing the work of the Government, Mr. Baldwin says: Though we have adopted a tariff policy, this has not been done in order that we may join in the building of ever higher tariff walls. That way lies the destruction rather than the development of international trade. It is our object to use tariffs as a weapon in the struggle for freer world trade, and already the first promise of success is to be found in the approaches made by protectionist countries with a view to securing arrangements which will encourage the development of mutual trade.

The fallacy of prohibitive tariffs lies in the assumption that a country may thus make itself prosperous in a poverty-stricken world. This is a delusion. America, with all the advantages of its wide resources, tried to isolate itself in prosperity and failed; and where America was brought down in the general collapse, no other country may hope to stand alone against universal depression.

It is the recognition of this that compels the Government to attach so much importance to the proposed World Economic Conference; for it is only through a general movement towards prosperity, started and accelerated by the removal of the obstructions to finance and trade, that this country, or any other country, may hope to progress.

Meanwhile, there is evidence that when the world advances towards a general recovery we shall once more be in the forefront. The salvage work of the past year has saved us from the worst of the experiences that have overtaken other countries. While others have drifted deeper into the morass of unemployment, we have held our ground. During the past year, when the trade of the world has suffered a serious decline, our exports have actually shown a small advance, and where we had dropped to third place among the great exporting countries we are now once more at the head of the list.

FROM "THE TIMES."

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

A STRENUOUS YEAR.

In a leading article *The Times* says:—Though political developments do not marshal themselves strictly within the boundaries of a calendar year, it is generally true that each year, considered as a whole, has some special political characteristic. For example, 1931 was certainly a year of dramatic events, and 1932, which comes to an end to-morrow night, has, with equal certainty, been a year of experimental activity. The most unbending critic of the present Parliament would find it impossible to sustain a charge of laziness against either the Executive or the Legislature. The fiscal system of this country has been profoundly changed, but changed upon lines which need neither prejudice world recovery nor leave Great Britain irretrievably committed to a system of tariffs irrespective of results. The Ottawa agreements have marked the beginning, and only the beginning, of an attempt to translate a political Commonwealth of Nations into an economic Commonwealth. The greatest conversion operation in history has been successfully carried into effect, and thereby, not only have future Budgets been relieved of a substantial charge, but also the credit of all sound borrowers has been enhanced. The attack upon agricultural depression has been begun by an active and comprehensive policy, which hangs upon the regulation of foreign supplies, coupled with the reorganisation of home production.

Foreign affairs have been scarcely less animated. The Lausanne Conference provisionally settled the question of reparations, and if the course of the problem of inter-Allied debts has not run smoothly, yet British policy has, at least, been successful in ensuring that the conditions for liquidating the last financial relics of the War are still in being. The Disarmament Conference has passed through troublous times, but here, again, British efforts have been successful in securing the return of Germany to the Conference, and thus in restoring the conditions of ultimate success. Very substantial progress has been made towards framing such a scheme of constitutional reform for India as can command the support of all reasonable opinion. It may appear at first sight as though this list of activities at home and abroad were a record of unrelated improvisations upon disconnected themes; but there are really two continuous threads behind the whole of British policy at the present time. The first is the determination to adapt national policy, and, as far as may be, imperial and international policy to the economics of the new age of abundance. The root problem, of course, is to secure a better distribution of abundance; but, meanwhile, the solution is certainly not to allow producers to perish; and the second continuous thread of British policy is to secure international agreement upon ending those chaotic financial and political relations between nations which are a menace not only to the economic recovery, but also to the peace, of the world.

PREPARING FOR NEW ATTACK ON ARMS.

VON SCHLEICHER NOT TO MEET FRENCH PREMIER.

General von Schleicher, the German Chancellor, does not intend to go to Geneva for the resumed sittings of the Disarmament Conference, learns Reuter's Berlin Correspondent on the highest authority.

The Chancellor, it is understood, is of the opinion that the chief of the Government should not attend international conferences, but should rather remain at home, so that his Foreign Minister can refer knotty problems to him if necessary.

It is also learned on excellent authority that Chancellor von Schleicher has no intention of meeting the French Prime Minister, M. Paul-Boncour, in the near future.

Mr. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State, who is at present in New York, conferred yesterday on the subjects of the Disarmament and the World Economic Conferences with Mr. Norman Davis, the banker and the United States delegate to the Disarmament Conference.

The fact that Mr. Davis recently conferred with Mr. Roosevelt has led to the deduction that the present Administration is endeavouring to direct United States policy on lines acceptable to the President-elect.

BARTERING WITH RUSSIA.

CATTLE FOR OIL SCHEME.

CANADIAN PREMIER FROWNS ON PLAN.

"INJURIOUS TO CANADA," HE DECLARES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

OTTAWA, Thursday.

MR. BENNETT, the Canadian Prime Minister, declined, on his return to the capital to-day from England, to make any statement on the result of his official negotiations in London, saying that he might make a statement later in the day after consultation with his Cabinet colleagues.

The Premier denied that any plans in regard to a projected barter agreement between Canada and Russia were under way, and he said that false reports which had been cabled to the British papers in this connection were injurious to Canada.

Nevertheless, the sponsors of the scheme, a Winnipeg group of exporters, are at present on their way to Ottawa to confer with the Ministry on the subject.

Briefly, the proposal is to exchange Russian oil for Canadian cattle and hides, and an initial trade worth 7,000,000 dollars is contemplated.

BRITISH PRICES BETTERED.

Representatives of the cattle-raising industry in both Western and Eastern Canada generally favour the proposal. The cattle raisers desire enlarged markets, and the sponsors of the plan for shipping 100,000 dairy cattle to the Soviets declare that the prices quoted are substantially in advance of the present prices obtainable in the British market.

Canadian farmers are now receiving only 3 or 4 per cent. net profit per pound on hoof, while there is also a large surplus of hides awaiting marketing at anything like a profitable price.

Leading business men, interviewed on the subject, state that if the Soviet offer anything like a new market, it would be good business for Canada. It is pointed out that the exchange for Soviet oil and oil products would not interfere to any appreciable extent with inter-Empire trade, as only about 600,000 dollars worth of the total imports of oil and oil products during the twelve months ended October came from any Empire source—that is to say, Trinidad.

COAL QUESTION.

The total importations of oil and oil products for the period were nearly 44,000,000 dollars. Most of this came from the United States or South America.

The suggestion that Russian coal might also be included in the barter exchange has not been raised seriously. Coal is now on the list of prohibited imports from Soviet Russia, and it is virtually certain that the Federal Government will not reverse the action taken in 1931, when the imports of Russian coal threatened to compete in a large way with imports of British anthracite.

It is noteworthy that for the first eleven months of this year Canada imported 1,333,000 tons of British anthracite, an increase of approximately 45 per cent. on the 1931 import figures.

FRENCH PREMIER SURVIVES.

CONFIDENCE VOTE ON AUSTRIAN LOAN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

The Chamber rejected by 387 votes to 189 an Opposition amendment to the Austrian Loan Bill, the Government having put the question of confidence.

This followed speeches for the bill by M. Herriot, M. Chéron and M. Paul-Boncour.

The "star turn" in the debate was M. Herriot, the former Premier, who, in an impassioned speech, appealed for "justice to the little Republic of eight million souls" and for reconciliation and peace. It was this speech which carried the day and assured to the Government the votes of the entire Left majority.

M. Paul-Boncour, in supporting the bill, urged that the loan was essential to the financial reconstruction of Austria, and was the corner-stone of the European edifice which the Governments desired to build up.

Replying to the criticism of M. Flandin, the former Finance Minister and the principal speaker for the Opposition, that Great Britain was sharing in the loan in order to recover money lent by the Bank of England, the Premier declared: "This is an attempt to under-estimate Great Britain's participation. It is no reproach to us that participation is advantageous to a friendly country."

The bill guarantees France's share of 100 million Austrian schillings in the international loan promised to Austria under the auspices of the League.

The Government had no difficulty in the Senate in obtaining the vote on the five milliards provisional credit and five milliards Treasury bond issue already adopted by the Chamber. The bill was carried by 242 votes to 6. The Government now have enough cash in hand to last until the next session, which begins in the middle of January.

THE NEW TARIFF COMMISSION.

FORMER COMMISSIONER INVITED TO ACT.

Mr. J. B. Whelehan, a member of the original Tariff Commission, has been invited by the Free State Government to become a member of the re-constituted Tariff Commission, which they are shortly to set up. Mr. Whelehan will replace Professor Smiddy, who was a member of the whole-time Tariff Commission which the last Government set up. The other two members of the Commission were Mr. Henry O'Friel and Mr. D. Twomey, and they have been invited to continue to serve.

The new Tariff Commission will begin work early in the coming year.

Speaking in the Senate on December 13th, Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, said that it was the intention of the Government to utilise the Tariff Commission in the making of detailed examination in the matter of tariffs. The term of office of the existing members of the Tariff Commission expired recently. New members were appointed on the Commission, he said, and in the near future they would undertake the examination of the tariffs that had been put on. This examination would be useful in certain cases.

Continuing, Mr. Lemass said that consideration had also been given to the advisability of having some general examination of the position undertaken with a view to rectifying any anomalies that might have arisen in the matter of existing duties. They sometimes found that two duties applied to the same article, and difficulties arose in that connection. The Tariff Commission might be called upon to undertake an examination which would ensure that any difficulties of that kind would be removed.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

WOODFULL AGAIN WINS TOSS.

BOWES INCLUDED IN ENGLISH XI.

BRADMAN'S STATEMENT.

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The second Test match opened here to-day in glorious weather, which shows indications of continuing for the next two days. The following are the teams:—

Australia—W. M. Woodfull (capt.), V. Y. Richardson (vice-captain), D. Bradman, S. J. McCabe, J. H. Fingleton, W. J. O'Reilly, T. Wall, H. Ironmonger, C. V. Grimmett, W. A. Oldfield, L. P. O'Brien. Twelfth man—W. H. Ponsford.

England—D. R. Jardine (capt.), G. O. Allen, Nawab of Pataudi, R. E. S. Wyatt, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Leyland, Ames, Bowes, Larwood, Voce. Twelfth man—Paynter.

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

W. M. Woodfull not out	0
J. Fingleton not out	10
Total (for 0 wicket)	10

WHAT BRADMAN SAID.

Bradman's long-awaited statement announcing his decision to play was as follows:—

"Through the generosity of the Associated Newspapers"—for which group Bradman was under contract to write articles on the Tests—"who requested me to play for Australia instead of occupying a seat in the Press box, I have been enabled to play in the second Test. May I express my extreme pleasure at being able to represent my country once more, even though the Board of Control continues to prevent me from earning an honourable and permanent living on journalism.

"It allows other members of the Australian XI. to broadcast comments freely, despite the fact that broadcasting to them is only a temporary occupation. The Board had all the facts before them at their meeting, and their legislation means that they are able to dictate to players the means by which they shall earn their living. If any player wishes to make a living in a channel which is not acceptable to the Board he is not going to be allowed to play for his country.

"Only through the generosity of my employers am I enabled to play to-day. While doing so I most emphatically protest against the Board being allowed to interfere with the permanent occupation of any player. To my mind the Board was never meant to have powers directing the business activities of players. This certainly is no encouragement to any player to remain in Australia when such restrictions are brought in. In addition, the difference between journalism and radio work is so small as to make any distinction appear ridiculous."

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES.

The close of play score of the Test Match will be shown at the following addresses as soon as it is received in Dublin:—

Dun Laoghaire, Lower George's street—Smith and Barton.

Dun Laoghaire, Lower George's street—Mrs. Dixon.

Rathmines, Castlewood avenue — Miss Barrett.

Sandymount—Mrs. Frost.

Baggot street Bridge—Mrs. Parsons.

99 Upper Leeson street—Mr. Kinsella.

Blackrock, 41 Main street—Miss O'Reilly.

Ballsbridge—Herbert House.

138 Upper Rathmines—Mr. Boyce.

Phibsboro', 68 Phibsboro' road—Mrs. O'Duffy.

Glasnevin, Tram Terminus—Miss K. Doherty.

Lower O'Connell street—Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd.

Terenure, 8 Terenure road—Mr. O'Kennedy.

Irish Times Office—31 Westmoreland street

Irish Field Office—11 D'Olier street.

Sarsfield street, Limerick—Mr. T. Byrne.

Waterford, The Quay—Mr. G. D. Croker.

Dundalk, Earl street—Mr. G. O'Neill.

Galway—Messrs. O'Gorman, printers.

PERSIAN OILFIELDS DISPUTE.

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS PROBABLE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Thursday.

Although nothing is known officially here regarding direct negotiations between Persia and Britain for the settlement of the oilfields dispute, the general belief is that such a proceeding is more than likely.

Although the dispute naturally figures on the agenda of the Council meeting on January 23rd, and so far as is known Persia is preparing to despatch her experts to present the Persian case, League circles would not be surprised if procedure were short-circuited by a direct agreement.

It is believed that the recent dismissal of M. Teymurtash, the all-powerful Minister of the Court at Teheran, may smooth the way to an understanding.

MIDNIGHT ARRESTS IN SOFIA.

SEQUEL TO MACEDONIAN VENDETTA.

SOFIA, Thursday.

One policeman killed and ten persons wounded is the casualty list in yesterday's battle between Macedonian political factions, which was fought out with revolvers in a crowded square in front of King Boris's palace.

During the night the police searched passers-by in the streets, and arrested about three hundred persons not in possession of identification cards, and another forty for being illegally armed.

The arrested men, who yesterday shot at and wounded M. Eftimoff, editor of the *Macedonia*, state that they were expressly ordered to attack him during the Cabinet crisis.

The attack was carefully placed, and, in order to deceive M. Eftimoff's bodyguard, the assailants disguised themselves as huntsmen with dogs and shot guns.

Many people are now advocating that martial law should be proclaimed in the city.

AMERICAN STEAMER ON FIRE.

Lloyd's agent at New York telegraphed yesterday that, according to wireless reports, the Doris Kellogg is afire in the after-hold in latitude 33 N. 77.10 W. The crew have abandoned the ship, and the steamer Delaware Sun is standing by picking up the lifeboats. According to Lloyd's Register of Shipping the Doris Kellogg is an oil-burning steamer of 5,030 gross tonnage, owned by the Kellogg Steamship Corporation, her port of registry being New York.

There was a falling-off in the amount of cross-Channel Christmas mail dealt with at Waterford General Post Office, although an increase was reported in the number of postal orders issued and paid. Seventy-five extra hands were employed.

POLITICAL UNITY.

LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL.

PEACE AND THE TREATY.

PROPOSED NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

SENATOR ARTHUR VINCENT'S appeal for united action by the Cumann na nGaedheal Party and Mr. Frank MacDermot's Farmers' and Ratepayers' League has been followed in Dublin by a meeting held yesterday in the Mansion House, under the leadership of the Lord Mayor (Alderman Alfred Byrne, T.D.), at which a wider appeal was made. The meeting was attended by about 130 persons, representative of the professional classes, leaders of industry and farmers on a large scale with interests in the city, as well as representatives of the working classes.

After hearing addresses from the Lord Mayor and other speakers, the meeting adopted a resolution which, in effect, proposes that a conference shall be held at a later date to establish a political party in the Free State unifying all opinion which recognises that the interests of the State are bound up within the Commonwealth of Nations, subscribed to by the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1922.

The meeting was private, but after its close a document was issued stating that the following resolution had been unanimously adopted, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Mr. J. M. FitzGerald, K.C.:—

"Believing that the present economic struggle between the Irish and British Governments cannot, whatever its result, lead to a permanent solution of the differences between the two peoples, and that direct negotiations are urgently necessary in the interests both of the Irish Free State and of Great Britain and of hundreds of thousands of our fellow-countrymen resident in all parts of the Commonwealth, we call upon all those who, whether as farmers or agricultural workers, employers or employés in cities and towns, are interested in the prosperity of our people and are believers in peace by direct negotiation, to combine their immediate political efforts in one great national movement which will end the present disastrous economic war, ensure the complete maintenance of the Treaty, subject to its alteration or development by the proper methods, and conclude trade agreements with Great Britain which will secure and improve the position of our farmers in the British markets, and make possible the fullest industrial development in this country."

THE LORD MAYOR'S SPEECH.

The Lord Mayor, in proposing the resolution, said:—Last February I presided at a great meeting in the Round Room of the Mansion House, when Mr. Cosgrave started his campaign for the general election. I then pointed out that there was a tradition that a Lord Mayor of Dublin, representing all the citizens, should not identify himself or his office with the normal differences existing between political parties, and that nothing could justify me in departing from the usual and proper custom, except the country were facing a grave crisis, and then tradition must be put aside and public duty discharged.

I further stated that the defeat of the Cosgrave Government would be a very serious national menace, and to avoid the danger I appealed to my fellow-country men and women all over the Free State to vote for the candidates pledged to support Mr. Cosgrave and sustain the Treaty. . . . I then adverted to the terrible consequences of a change in Government.

Having quoted from his speech of February last, the Lord Mayor said:—To-day I am unfortunately justified in my prophecy that a change in Government would be a national danger. Our export trade is visibly shrinking, notwithstanding the payment of bounties. The activities of our farmers are almost stayed. The number of people receiving outdoor relief is steadily increasing, notwithstanding the large grants given for what is called relief works. Unemployment is continuously on the increase. Privation and poverty are in our midst. Uncertainty, want of confidence are everywhere about us, and I fear to think of the position of our workers all over the Free State when the relief works come to an end for want of money. We are steadily marching to wreckage and ruin. This must be averted. Public opinion must assert itself and force the Government to negotiate a settlement or make way for men who will.

I am confident that public opinion is growing stronger and harder every day in favour of rational steps being taken to end a conflict, which, while hurting Great Britain, including many thousands of our fellow-countrymen residing there, can have only one end for the Irish Free State, if allowed to continue and develop. But there is a grave danger that those at present in power will remain there if those who are anxious for a change of Government have their activities and energies frittered away in senseless divisions amongst themselves arising from differences upon minor issues.

TWO MAIN CLASSES.

We can divide our citizens into two main bodies of people:

(a) Those who want to break the Treaty with Great Britain, and who refuse to honour agreements and obligations entered into, and break away from them as their fancy suits; and

(b) Those who want to adhere to the Treaty and respect agreements; who will, if they want any change in Treaty or agreements, recognise that there are two parties to such obligations, and accept the view that changes can only arise after consultation and negotiation between both parties.

The first party heads straight for

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another round with England, regardless of the cost to us. The other party believes in creating good-will and good feeling with our best customers—in fact, our only market. This does not mean that we abrogate one tittle of our national rights—we have now full freedom to legislate as we like—but it does mean that, while retaining our national outlook, we have regard to the fact that if we have a good customer for our produce, and can get no other, trade between us can best be secured and increased by sensible recognition of facts and circumstances, and by trade agreements being honourably adhered to by both parties.

The division between the two parties in the Free State, alluded to, is the dividing line between trade development and prosperity, on the one side, and ruin for us, on the other.

PLEA FOR UNITY.

In such a grave situation, upon the result of which the fate of our people depends, those who belong to the Party "B" must sink all differences on minor questions, and strive to create generous co-operation and genuine unity between the various sections who stand for the Treaty, so that a public opinion will be formed which, by its strength, will prevent the Treaty from being repudiated; will force a rational settlement on the annuities question, and will carry through trade agreements, which will enable us to develop our industries, giving employment, without involving the Free State in a ruinous tariff war.

We have no right to dictate either to Mr. Cosgrave and his friends, or to the other important interests involved; but we have the right, nay, it is our duty, to insist that they shall work together on the main issues, and save our country and our people. Any serious misunderstanding between them means a continuation of the present disastrous position, and worse developments. Now is the time to speak out to prevent this. The issues involved are too big and too serious for any risks to be taken. I firmly believe that Mr. Cosgrave and his organisation, Mr. MacDermot and the Farmers' and Ratepayers' Union, Mr. James Dillon and Mr. John O'Hanlon, who have done great work for Ireland in the Dail and in the country, all will see that united effort is essential for the country's safety. "The safety of the public is the supreme law." Let this be our slogan. Ireland will respond to it.

This invitation to united action, I need hardly say, applies with equal strength to representatives of the Labour movement, who are as vitally interested in our country's welfare as any other section of the community. I know that many of my friends of the Labour movement in Dublin are by no means satisfied as to the way things are going, and are fearful of developments. They insist that steps be taken to improve the conditions of employment of those for whom they speak. Support from such men must make for an easy triumph for common-sense and prosperity.

NO TIME FOR PARTY CONTROVERSY.

Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald, K.C., in seconding the Lord Mayor's appeal, said that the future of the country was at stake, and it was no time for political controversy or for any striving for party capital. None of those present need make an apology to any political party for taking part in the movement which the Lord Mayor had enabled them to meet together to support, because all of them, as children of their common country, were deeply interested in the present deplorable condition.

What does concern us is that this state of economic war is here, he said, and that our country is likely to perish in it. War has always been, in my belief, cruel and unnecessary. This great war is a war fought over the lives and bodies of the small farmers, the poorer shopkeepers, the casual labourers, and the artisans of Ireland, whom a militant Government have, unthinkingly, and, I believe, quite indefensibly, placed in the vanguard of the absurd battle. It is war against the unanswerable laws of commerce and trade, of supply and demand, against the immutable facts of geographical situation.

Continuing, he said that he did not think that the leaders of the present Government now pretended that any alternative market could be found for Ireland's surplus produce. The ideal which the present Government had set before it seemed to be more elusive than the Five or Ten Years' Plan of Bolshevik Russia. Surely no intelligent man, who was not beset with prejudice, could seriously contemplate supporting that scheme of warfare which must inevitably, and very quickly, result in the wiping out of the farmers' capital, and disaster to the people who depend on the farmers' prosperity and success.

THE REMEDY.

Mr. Fitzgerald went on to say that the remedy for such imminent ills must be found, and, when found, as it could easily be found, the remedy must be applied despite the Government, or any party or persons who support the present policy. The remedy was, peace with Britain by negotiation, and, if necessary, arbitration. Such a peace could only be gained, as pointed out by the Lord Mayor, not on party lines, but by the union of all men of good-will and patriotism working together in seeking for the good of their common country.

The basis of any appeal to the good sense and fair play of England must depend on the recognition by our people of the validity of the Treaty. He did not think it would be impossible to reach agreement with Britain on such amendments of the Treaty as might be necessary to satisfy the aspirations of the majority of our countrymen. Surely, on the basis of honest negotiation between representatives of Ireland and of England, not confined to any one party, it could not be impossible that some accommodation should be arrived at for the settlement of the annuities and other fiscal disputes by selection of an agreed board of arbitration.

He appealed to honest men of every party to come forward and support the movement. If they persisted in this ruthless and unnecessary economic war they would inevitably suffer terrible retribution at the hands of a starving and ruined electorate at the next general election.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

SENATOR VINCENT'S APPEAL.

"NOW IS THE TIME."

Senator Arthur Vincent, whose appeal for the creation of a new party in the Free State has caused so general a stir in political circles, left Dublin last night for a health resort, under urgent medical orders.

Mr. Vincent was seen before he left Dublin by an *Irish Times* representative, and, in the course of conversation, said: "I hope that the appeal I have made will at least make people think. It is up to the people to say whether they are going to help or not. The 'duds' should come out and say what they think. Everybody has his own feelings, and this, I suggest, is the occasion to express them. People have got to come out now and say whether they will help the new movement. I think Mr. Cosgrave is the man to lead it."

MR. COSGRAVE'S VIEW.

WAR THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED.

Mr. Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition Party, interviewed last night, said that any proposal to settle the differences with Great Britain had always been the first plank in the programme of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party.

"A National Government," said Mr. Cosgrave, "which would seek to settle the present differences with the British Government would be welcomed by me, and by the majority of deputies in the Dail.

"We have lost more than we have gained in the present economic dispute, even with the advantage of the £5,000,000.

"Until I have discussed the matter with the Lord Mayor I can hardly say any more, except that I think the new proposal, if practicable, will be welcomed by the majority of the deputies in the Dail. Both myself and Mr. McGilligan have time and time again stressed the fact that it is essential to settle our differences with Great Britain, and end the present disastrous economic war which,

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THE CIVIL SERVICE.

LABOUR PARTY AND THE BONUS.

TO-DAY'S MEETING AT LEINSTER HOUSE.

FROM OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT.

THE special meeting of political and industrial representatives of Labour, which will be held at Leinster House to-day, is not likely, as far as can be gathered at the moment, to take any decision on political matters as such.

The Administrative Council of the Irish Labour Party and the National Executive of the Irish Trade Union Congress will, no doubt, discuss the political aspect of the Civil Service bonus question, but a definite proposal that the Labour Party should break with the Government could not be accepted or rejected by a meeting so constituted.

It is the trade union aspect of the case, and the possibility of securing that the Government shall consider that side, which is likely to receive most attention at this conference.

Strike action is a matter for individual unions, and as in this instance only one of the societies involved—the Irish Post Office Workers' Union—could take such action, a withdrawal of labour until every other form of pressure has failed is considered unlikely.

Probably the outcome of the meeting will be that negotiations will be opened up between the Government and the two bodies with a view to averting a crisis.

THE RAILWAY CLERKS.

EFFORTS TO PREVENT REMOVALS.

A last effort is being made on behalf of the railway clerks whose employment with the Great Southern Railways Company terminates to-morrow.

The Railway Clerks' Association has forwarded to the Minister for Industry and Commerce copies of the correspondence which passed between the company and the union.

To-day Senator O'Farrell and Deputy Davin will endeavour to arrange an interview with Mr. Lemass for a deputation from the men involved.

It is believed that the Minister will be asked to use his influence to have the men retained in the service of the company, or alternatively to secure that they will receive compensation for loss of employment.

There is no change in the general railway situation, and while branches of the railway unions have expressed disappointment that the clerical and other notices are likely to be put into effect, no drastic action is anticipated.

Railway shopmen who, in accordance with the agreement between their unions and the Great Southern Railways Company, were disemployed during Christmas week will resume work on Monday next.

ELECTRICITY BOARD DISPUTE.

REQUEST TO TRADES COUNCIL.

No settlement has yet been secured in the dispute between the Electrical Trades Union (Ireland) and the Electricity Supply Board.

The Irish Trade Union Congress and the Dublin Trades Union Council have been requested by the union, in accordance with the resolution passed last week by a general meeting of the members, to consider the withdrawal of all trade union labour from the service of the Board.

This request will be considered by the Executive Committee of the Dublin Trades Union Council at a meeting which will be held to-night.

It is probable that the matter will be referred to the next monthly meeting of Council delegates. In the meantime no serious developments are anticipated.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

CUMANN NA nGAEDHEAL TAKING STOCK.

All-day conferences of Cumann na nGaedheal organisers from various parts of the country were held on Wednesday and yesterday at 3 Merrion square, Dublin, to review the work of the organisation since the general election, and highly satisfactory reports were received from the following areas:—Donegal, Mayo, Sligo-Leitrim, Limerick, Kerry, East Cork, Waterford, Carlow-Kilkenny, Wexford, Leix-Offaly, Kildare, Westmeath, Meath and Dublin.

The strength of the organisation was carefully gauged in each constituency, and steps were taken to intensify activity in the four constituencies where by-elections will shortly take place. Mr. Cosgrave, Mr. Blythe and General Mulcahy were present at the conferences.

GROWING STRENGTH.

Mr. Liam Burke, general secretary, informed an *Irish Times* representative that the organisation had gained strength in every parish in the country, and that branches are being reorganised in every constituency, especially in the remoter districts.

An interesting development of the present year's work, he stated, was the increased interest and enthusiasm shown by young people for Cumann na nGaedheal, the numbers of young men joining up increasing daily, and the formation of ladies' committees in many of the large towns having met with great success.

Another gratifying feature of the reports, he added, was the sound state of the organisation in Donegal, Waterford, East Cork and County Dublin, where the political issues will be placed before the people in the near future.

NEGRO SOLDIER KILLS FOUR PEOPLE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

FORT HUACHUCA (ARIZ.), Thursday.

Two United States Army captains and their wives were killed and a lieutenant seriously wounded to-day by a negro soldier, who had run amuck. The negro was eventually shot dead by guards.

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most emphatically, should never have happened."

A UNITED OPPOSITION PARTY.

A well-known member of the Opposition party, interviewed last night, said that if the new plan of the Lord Mayor of Dublin worked out satisfactorily, and if the Fianna Fail Party refused to accept the new proposal, he thought the new movement would overthrow the present Government and establish a National Government—uniting the Labour, Independent and present Opposition Parties.

AGREEMENTS AT OTTAWA.

A NEW TREASURY ORDER.

CUSTOMS DUTIES ON FOREIGN IMPORTS.

THE Indian Legislature having passed the bill giving effect to the tariff changes agreed upon at Ottawa, the Treasury have issued the Ottawa Agreements (No. 2) Order, 1932, bringing into operation those parts of the Ottawa Agreements Act which are required to implement the agreement on behalf of the United Kingdom.

The effect of the Order is to impose the following Customs duties on foreign imports as from the 1st January, 1933:—

Rice—Husked, including cargo rice and cleaned rice whole, but not including broken rice—1d. per lb.

Linseed—10 per cent. *ad valorem.*

Castor oil, linseed oil, cocoanut oil, groundnut oil, rape oil and sesamum oil—15 per cent. *ad valorem.*

Magnesium chloride—1s. per cwt.,

And to bring Section 6 of the Act, which authorises the Treasury to direct the addition of certain commodities to the free list, into operation as from the date of the Order.

THE FREE LIST.

By a further Order—the Ottawa Agreement (No. 3) Order, 1932—the following articles are added to the free list, as required by Article 7 of the Indian Agreement, as from the 1st January, 1933:—

Shellac, seedlac and stick lac; myrobalans, rice, broken; mica slabs and splittings, hemp of the variety crotalaria, juncea not further dressed, after scutching or decorticating, tow of such variety of hemp.

The remaining changes in the United Kingdom tariff required by the Agreement made with India at Ottawa—namely, the imposition of a duty of 2s. 9d. a quarter on wheat in grain, and the grant of a margin of preference of 9s. 4d. a cwt. on coffee were provided for by agreements with other parts of the Empire, and were brought into operation on the 17th November last by the Ottawa Agreements (No. 1) Order, 1932.

The two Orders now made, which are dated respectively the 28th and 29th December, are published as Statutory Rules and Orders, Nos. 1079 and 1080.

BRAZIL'S THREAT TO CLOSE AMAZON.

TAKES A HAND IN NEIGHBOURS' QUARREL.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Thursday.

The Brazilian Government have addressed a strongly-worded Note to Peru and Colombia, calling their attention to the existing treaty with Brazil in regard to the navigation and traffic on the River Amazon.

If hostilities continue in Brazilian waters, the Note says, the Brazilian Government will be compelled to denounce the treaty and close the Amazon to navigation so far as Peru and Colombia are concerned.

With a view to reinforcing Brazilian naval strength on the Amazon, the Government have ordered a cruiser and two destroyers to proceed from Rio de Janeiro to Tabatinga, on the Amazon, early next week. Six naval aeroplanes are also leaving for the same place.

It was reported yesterday that transports with Colombian soldiers on board were preparing to ascend the Amazon to the Colombian border in Leticia, which was raided on the night of September 1st last by Peruvians from Iquitos, farther up the Amazon. Leticia was ceded to Colombia by Peru under an agreement, which, after long negotiations, was signed in March, 1930.

TEN DROWNED IN HARBOUR.

STEAMER AND LAUNCH IN COLLISION.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The arrival of a drenched and exhausted man at a police station in Napier was the first indication of a collision in the harbour in which ten men were drowned last night. A launch carrying thirty-one men, who had been working on a steamer in the roads, was struck by a steamer, flinging all the men into the water. Several managed to reach the overturned launch, but the craft sank beneath them.

Many survivors swam ashore, and in some instances assisted comrades to within a stone's throw of land before being obliged, through sheer exhaustion, to abandon their mates. Twelve of those rescued are now in hospital.

Rescue measures were promptly organised, and three vessels began a search in the darkness, which continued till daylight, when aeroplanes cruised over the harbour in an endeavour to locate any more survivors.

All those drowned were married men, and leave behind twenty-seven fatherless children.

BELFAST SHOOTING AFFAIR.

EX-POLICEMAN FOUND WOUNDED.

A sensational occurrence took place last night at the Lisburn road, Belfast, as the result of which Mr. G. Wilton, of Willesden terrace, Stranmillis road, an ex-police sergeant, lies in the Royal Victoria Hospital with a gunshot wound in his head.

Wilton, who was a familiar figure to the local police, entered the day-room of the Lisburn Road Barracks last night, and after some minutes' conversation with its occupants went into another room. Some minutes later two shots rang out, and the policemen, rushing into the adjoining room, discovered Wilton on the floor with a wound in his head and a revolver close at hand.

BREAKDOWN AT CORK MILLS.

STAFF PAID OFF WHILE REPAIRS IN HAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

Owing to a breakdown of the machinery, the Marina mills, of the Cork Milling Company, closed down to-night for a period of one week or ten days, during which time it is expected repairs can be effected.

Most of the milling staff have been paid off for a week until the mills can be restarted.

The company's Mallow and Midleton mills will ensure a continuance of the supply of millstuffs.

CRATER MURDER APPEAL FAILS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NAIROBI, Thursday.

The appeal of Charles William Ross, the twenty years old son of Major Ross, against the death sentence passed on him for the murder of Miss Margaret Elizabeth Keppie, of Leeds, was dismissed to-day.

The bodies of Miss Keppie and Miss Winifred Clark Stevenson, of Glasgow, were found near the crater of the Meulugai Volcano. Both had been shot. The defence pleaded insanity.

BEE-KEEPERS AND G.B.S.

A COMPLAINT OF BLASPHEMY.

EXPULSION FROM A SOCIETY MOVED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ENNISCORTHY, Thursday.

AT a meeting of the County Wexford Bee-keepers' Association, held in Enniscorthy yesterday, Dr. G. E. G. Greene proposed a resolution:

"That the name of George Bernard Shaw be removed from the list of life members of the Association in consequence of his blasphemous statements concerning Christ and His Apostles in his recent book, 'Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of God.'"

AN UNPLEASANT DUTY.

Dr. Greene said that he regretted to have to bring the matter to the notice of the committee, but it was his unpleasant duty. The book, which was recently published in England, alluded to the Founder of Christianity and His disciples in a very blasphemous manner.

George Bernard Shaw, a master intellect, head and shoulders above most people, even the most scientific and clever, stated in his book that "Jesus had allowed Peter to persuade Him He was the Messiah, and that death could not prevail against Him or prevent His returning to judge the world and establish His reign on earth for ever and ever."

THE APOSTLES.

In his allusion to the Apostles Shaw said:

"There are moments when one is tempted to say there was not one Christian amongst them, and that Judas was the only one who showed any glimpse of common-sense."

A man who makes observations of that kind, said Dr. Greene, directs his sarcastic ridicule at the very foundations of Christianity, and should not be associated, even remotely, with our Association, even though it is only a small country society of bee-keepers. It is my duty to Christianity to move the resolution, because I think that we Christians should not put on our Christianity as a Sunday garment for the purpose of going to church; but it should influence us in every walk of life, every day, and in every society we are connected with.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS.

Mr. P. F. O'Byrne asked if Dr. Greene could vouch for the extracts that he read.

Dr. Greene produced a newspaper cutting of a review of the Shaw book, and said that he could vouch for it.

Mr. Byrne—Is that enough to show that Shaw is un-Christian?

Dr. Greene—It is enough to show that he is blasphemous.

Mr. J. S. McDonald, seconding Dr. Greene's resolution, said that it was against all Christian ethics for a man in Shaw's position to ridicule the Almighty. They had no authority to compel him to retract his statements, but they could mark their disapproval. He did not wish to be associated with an infidel.

Mr. O'Byrne—Does that mean that every new life member now must sign an undertaking that he is not an atheist?

Mr. McDonald—No, but if a member of the Association ridicules religion——

Dr. Greene—It is open ridicule—tilting at the foundations of Christianity.

The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Lett) said that he did not know if they had power under the rules to do as Dr. Greene proposed.

AN INTERRUPTION.

The arrival of members of the Co-operative Society's Board of Directors to hold their meeting in the Boardroom interrupted the proceedings at this stage, and on the suggestion of the chairman the matter was adjourned to the annual general meeting to be held early in January.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw became a life member of the Society about four years ago on subscribing the requisite fee, £3 3s., but has shown no interest in its existence in the meantime.

SCENE IN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WOMAN AND THE CRIB.

An extraordinary scene at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Aloysius, Oxford, on Wednesday night, in which a young woman is alleged to have placed a baby in the crib and afterwards knocked over altar ornaments, was described by the Rev. Father Fitzmaurice to a reporter yesterday.

Father Fitzmaurice said that there had been a Service shortly before for mothers and babies, but whether the woman had attended the Service he did not know. The woman, who was not a Roman Catholic, lived with her parents at Cowley. She might easily have been at the Service and remained behind.

"The first discovery that anything was wrong," said Father Fitzmaurice, "was made by some women, who came into the church to view the crib. They were surprised to find in the Manger, instead of the figure of the Infant Christ, a baby of about seven months old. They removed the baby and searched the church for the woman, but could not find her, and sent round for me. Before I arrived, however, and while they were still searching, there was a crash at the high altar, and the crucifix, candlesticks, and many large vases which adorned the altar crashed to the floor.

"When I asked the woman why she had done it, her only reply was: 'It is written My Father's house is a house of prayer; ye have made it a den of thieves.'

"Before the police arrived the woman attempted to pull down another crucifix from the wall, and started to undress the baby, requesting the people to bring her 'the white robes the priests wore.' Beyond that she never said a word, and went quietly when the police arrived. On the way to the police station in the police van she declared to one of the women who accompanied the police: 'I have had my revenge.'"

It is understood that the woman, after being taken to the police station, was removed to Littlemore Mental Hospital.

FUNERAL OF LORD NORTHBOURNE.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (who read the prayers at the graveside), the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. E. H. Hardcastle) and other clergy officiated at the funeral of Lord Northbourne at Betteshanger, Kent, yesterday.

After the Service in St. Mary's Church the interment took place in the churchyard.

The mourners included Lady Northbourne (widow), the Hon. Walter James (son and successor to the title) and the Hon. Mrs. Walter James, the Hon. Mrs. Smith and the Hon. Mrs. Davies (daughters) and Mr. Davies (son-in-law), the Hon. Mrs. Bray (daughter) and Mr Bray (son-in-law), the Hon. Robert James (brother) and Lady Serena James (sister-in-law), the Hon. Mrs. Wilfrid James (sister-in-law), the Hon. Godfrey and the Hon. Mrs. Money-Coutts (nephew and niece), and other relatives, Lord Kilbracken, Sir Ian Hamilton, the Mayors of Deal and Sandwich, and others.

A resolution calling on the Irish people to enforce a complete boycott on all British commercial, industrial and financial interests was received by Donegal County Council from the secretary of the Boycott British League.

YEAR OF NEW RECORDS.

GREATER SPEED ON RAILWAYS.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF BRITISH LINES.

The year has been fertile in interesting developments in British railway speeds.

The most spectacular of these is the Great Western Railway's attack on its own record that was originally set up in the autumn of 1931 on the Swindon-Paddington line by the Cheltenham Flyer. On June 6 the distance of 77¼ miles from start to stop was traversed in a few seconds under 57 minutes, or at the rate of 81½ m.p.h.

From a point 60 miles from London, between Steventon and Wantage Road Stations, to another point 28 miles nearer London, the speed was maintained at no less than 90 miles an hour.

Of the welcome accelerations of the year on the L M S line the most remarkable is the reduction of 25 minutes on the Liverpool-London journey, by the train leaving Lime street at 5.25 p.m. so that the run of 152½ miles between Crewe and Willesden is timed to occupy 142 minutes—an average speed of over 64 m.p.h.

A RIVAL.

The speed of the Liverpool train is nearly equalled by one of the Manchester-London expresses, the Mancunian, that leaves London Road Station at 9.45 a.m. and with an average load of 250 tons is timed to run non-stop and reach Euston at 1 p.m.

Between Crewe and Willesden the speed is the same as that of the Liverpool train, though the average for the whole journey works out at rather over 60 m.p.h.

For travellers between London and Scotland 1932 has been a memorable year, for it has seen a welcome modification of the old speed-restricting agreement between the East and West Coast companies. Finality has clearly not been reached, however, in the saving of 45 minutes in the timing of the journey between the two capitals.

FOUR MEN IN A MOTOR CAR.

EXCITING CHASE BY POLICE.

The hearing was resumed at Ealing (London) Police Court yesterday of the case in which, at the last sitting, a story of a thrilling chase of four men by a police car was told by a detective officer.

The four men were described as Sidney Davies (22), fishmonger, Fulham; Harold Hillier (27), wireless operator, no fixed home; James Grant (22), carpenter, no fixed home; and James Pointing (34), hosier, Fulham.

They were charged with having in their possession a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco, suspected to have been stolen; and, further, with being concerned together in possessing a house-breaking implement—a jemmy—by night.

There were further charges against the men yesterday of breaking into a shop in Fulham and stealing a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco, and breaking into a garage in Fulham and stealing the motor car concerned in the case.

The manageress of the shop said that the value of the tobacco and cigarettes which disappeared was £47 10s. She knew Davies as Mr. Morath. He lived near the shop.

The charge of having in their possession a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco suspected to have been stolen was withdrawn.

THE DEFENCE.

Davies said that he pleaded guilty to possessing house-breaking implements, but not guilty to the other offences.

Davies, in the witness box, said that his correct name was Sidney George Morath. On the night of the alleged offences he saw two men with a car outside the tobacconist's shop.

The men ran away, and, becoming suspicious, he looked into the car and saw the cigarettes and tobacco inside.

Having no money, he got into the car and drove it round to Hillier's house, and asked him if he knew anybody who would have it. He and Grant got into the car, and later they met Pointing. Davies added that when the police car overturned all the four of them were pinned underneath.

Hillier and Grant now admitted being in possession of a stolen car and cigarettes. Pointing pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence.

The men were committed for trial at the Middlesex Sessions, bail being refused.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

ALL CAREERS OPEN TO THEM.

Lady Londonderry, who was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Queen's Women Graduate Association, held in Belfast last night, in replying to the toast of "Our Guests," proposed by Mrs. R. McNeill, M.B., D.Ph., said that she had received hardly any education in the strict sense. She knew all about horses, and as a child had been familiar with current politics. She was a great believer in her sex. Before her marriage she had been keenly interested in the problem of women suffrage, and her sympathy had been all on the side of women. Women had come out of the Great War with a greatly altered *status*. They were much more important, and now there was hardly a career that was not open to them.

Speaking of Queen's University, Lady Londonderry said that it had made great strides during the last few years. This was due to the increasing demand for education upon the part of the public, and the wise rule of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Livingstone, which had won for the institution the support of corporations and other public bodies.

The toast of "The International Federation of University Women" was proposed by Miss E. Pagan, M.A., an Edinburgh delegate, and seconded by Miss McCaughey.

The toast of "Queen's" was proposed by Miss A. Rodden, M.A., Trinity College, Dublin, and seconded by Mrs. Laird, B.Sc.

CONSTABLE'S FIGHT WITH CROWD.

COLLAR-BONE BROKEN.

Police reinforcements were rushed to Finart street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, late on Wednesday night, when Constable Archibald White was attacked by a crowd when he was attempting to apprehend a man who is alleged to have broken into a public-house.

The constable and prisoner were later taken to the infirmary, where they were treated for injuries to the head and body. The constable's collar-bone was fractured. He was allowed home afterwards. The prisoner, however, is detained in hospital suffering from serious injuries to the head.

Eye-witnesses of the occurrence stated that when the crowd attacked the officer he fought them single-handed, and held on to his prisoner like "grim death."

A section of the crowd came to the policeman's assistance, and escorted him to a house from where he was later removed to the infirmary.

DUBLIN STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

In the list of successes at the recent examinations held by the Corporation of Certified Secretaries is the name of the following local candidate:—

John James Young, Dublin, Final (part 2).

BANK OF IRELAND CLERKSHIPS.
At the last exam. 11 appointments were gained by ROSSE COLLEGE, 65 Stephen's Green. Classes resume on Monday, January 2.
—(Advt.)

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

BROKERS ANTICIPATE BETTER MARKET: FIRM CLOSE.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

To-day is the last day on which selling for tax purposes could be carried out normally, and, with the weight of this selling lifted, brokers are inclined to anticipate a better market. The day's turnover amounted to 1,610,000 shares.

The tendency at the opening was irregular. Some belated tax-selling caused unsettlement during the initial dealings, but prices thereafter became steadier as these offerings were absorbed, and small gains were recorded.

There was little in the news to influence the market to-day, but, with professional interests evidently favouring the constructive side, prices advanced fractions to 2 points. Trading quickened on rallying tendencies, but recurrent selling here and there acted as a restraining influence.

Federal fiscal matters again attracted the attention of operators, and the efforts of the Democratic leaders in Congress to pave the way for Governmental economies after March 4 are viewed hopefully.

The advance gathered momentum in the final dealings, and the market closed firm.

On the Bond market foreign issues were very brisk, with Germans the feature. The rest of the list was active, but erratic.

	Thur.	Wed.
Call Money	1b. 1¼a	1b. 1¼a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days' sight	3.30⅜	3.31¾
Do. Do. Demand Bills	—	—
Cable Transfers	3.31 7/16	3.32 13/16
Do. Montreal	3.76¾	3.76⅛
Exchange Paris Cable	3.90¼	3.90¼

Eng. Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid. Thur	Closing Bid. Wed
59½	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	39⅜	38½
90⅝	Do. Preferred	60	59
11 7/16	Baltimore and Ohio	7⅞	7¾
21¼	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	14⅛	13⅝
39 7/16	Chesapeake and Ohio Com.	26¼	25¼
1½	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	1	1
4½	Chicago and North-West	3	3
6	Erie Shares	4	4
6½	Erie 1st Preferred	4½	4⅜
15¾	Illinois Central	10⅝	9⅞
32 7/16	Louisville and Nashville	21¾	20½
3¼	Missouri Pacific	2¼	2¼
25	New York Central & Hudson R	16⅞	15¾
172 3/16	Norfolk and West Com	114	112¼
18⅝	Northern Pacific Com.	12½	12⅛
20⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	13½	13⅜
38 5/16	Reading Shares	24	23
23 1/16	Southern Pacific	15⅜	14½
6¼	Southern Railway	4¼	3¾
105¾	Union Pacific	70	67
82⅜	American Can. (New Stock)	54⅞	53⅛
17⅛	American Smelting (New Stock)	11½	11
8 5/16	Anaconda Copper	5¾	5⅝
—	American Tel. and Tel.	104⅜	102⅜
18⅞	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	12¾	12⅛
—	Brazil Stab 6½ p.c. 1957	15	16
87 15/16	Consolidated Gas (New York)	58⅝	57¼
—	Drug Incorp	35¾	35¼
21⅝	General Electric (New Stock)	14½	14⅝
18½	General Motors (New)	12⅜	12⅛
1¾	Inter. Mar. Marine Com. Certs	1¼	1⅝
12 1/16	International Nickel	8	7¾
—	Montgomery Ward	12⅞	12⅝
77¼	National Lead	51¼	57½
—	North America Company	28⅞	28¼
17⅛	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	11½	11½
6½	Radio Corporation	4½	4
30 3/16	Royal Dutch Petroleum	20	19⅝
21¾	Shell Transport and Trading	14⅝	14⅜
6¾	Shell Union Oil	4⅞	4¾
5¼	U.S. Rubber	3¾	3⅞
39 11/16	United States Steel Common	26½	25
88 3/16	Do. Preferred	58⅝	57½
12 11/16	Brazilian Traction	8⅝	8¼
24⅞	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	16¾	16¾
11 1/16	Hydro. Electric	7½	7
15¼	International Pet. Canada (New)	10⅛	10¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	24¼	24⅜
	BONDS		
159⅜	U.K. 5½% Bonds, 1937	105¾	106
—	Do. Funding Loan 4%	—	—
157 11/16	U.S. Treasury 3½% Bds., '46-56	104⅝	104 11/16
119 5/16	7% German External Loan	79	77½

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Clos'g Prices Thur	Clos'g Prices Wed.
120 13/16	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	91	91¼
12 13/16	Brazilian T.L. & P. Co. Ltd.	9⅞	9⅜
182	Canadian Bank of Com.	137	135¼
4⅛	Canadian Car Common	3⅛	3
13¼	Do. Preferred	10	10
3⅛	Canada Cement Co. Ltd.	2½	2⅝
21¼	Canadian Pacific Railway	16	15⅜
21¼	Dominion Bridge Co.	16	15
79 11/16	Con. Mining & Smelting Co.	60	60
68 5/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	51½	51½
7⅝	Hollinger Con. Gold Mines	5¾	5⅝
11 5/16	Inter. Nickel of Canada, Ltd.	9	8¾
2⅞	Massey Harris Common	2⅛	2⅜
40½	Montreal Light, Heat, Power	30⅝	30⅝
20¼	National Breweries	15⅜	15¼
16¾	Quebec Power	12⅞	12¼
178½	Royal Bank of Canada	134½	132½
22 9/16	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	17	17

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT steadier at ⅛c. to ½c. advance.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot	—	—
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	—	—
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	53⅜	52⅞
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	52⅜	52⅛
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	55⅞	55⅝

MAIZE very steady, ½c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day
Western No. 2 Mixed, spot	36⅝	36⅛

OATS steady, ⅛c. lower. White clipped f.o.b. New York, 20½.

RYE steadier, ⅛c. dearer. No. 2 spot, 42⅞.

BARLEY steady, ⅛c. higher. American malting c.i.f. New York (46lb.), 46½.

FLOUR steady and unaltered. Spring clears closed at 3.45 to 3.70.

LARD steady, 10 points lower. Prime Western steam, 5.00; Middle-West, 4.85 to 5.00.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Baume at Well	63 cents	86 cents

Pennsylvania Crude—Lower price—1.22 dols.

COFFEE—

Closing options—

1933	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.	Dec
To-day	—	5.79	5.54	5.34	5.15	—	5 08
Prev. day	—	5.77	5.49	5.27	5.07	—	5 03

SUGAR—The tendency at the close was steady, with values 1 point up to 1 down. Approximate day's sales (futures), 9,000 tons.

Closing options—

1933.	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
To-day	—	0.65	0.71	0.76	0.80	0.85	0.88
	Dec., 1933—0.90						
Prev. day	—	0.65	0.71	0.76	0.80	0.86	0.89
	Dec., 1933—0.90						

TALLOW easy, ⅛c. down. Spot extra loose, 2½; special extra, 2½; in tierces, 2¾.

COTTON SEED OIL—Futures closed steady, unaltered, to 1 point higher. Prime summer yellow spot, 3.35. Closing options—January, 3.56; March, 3.74; May, 3.86; July, 3.98.

SHELLAC—T.N., 9½.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 41½; Savannah spot, 36½.

METALS—Straits tin steady, unaltered. Spot and near-by New York, 22.70. Future option—January, 22.70. Lead steady at late rates. Spot New York, 3.00; spot East St. Louis, 2.87½. Pig Iron steady, without change. Eastern Pennsylvania Northern 2x foundry, silicon 2.25-2.75, delivered New York, including freight rate, 14.52; Buffalo, silicon 2.25-2.75, delivered Boston, 19.05.

NATIONAL METAL EXCHANGE.

TIN steady and unchanged. Closing options—March, 22.30; May, 22.50; July, 22.70. Copper quiet, 2 to 6 points lower. Standard new contract—Closing options—January, 3.74; March, 3.85; May, 3.95. American standard copper steady, 2 to 6 points down. Closing options—January, 3.74; April, 3.90.

COTTON (New York)—Spot closed quiet and 15 points up; spot middling, 6.15. Cotton (New Orleans)—Spot closed 19 points up; spot middling, 6.05.

RUBBER quiet. First latex thin crepe spot, 3⅞ buyers. Smoked ribbed sheets spot, 3 5/16 buyers, 3 7/16 sellers.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady, ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. Advances were recorded owing to small buying by seaboard houses, together with a scarcity of offerings, while reports of a fair export trade at Vancouver and lighter Black Sea clearances constituted other helpful factors. A forecast of lighter shipments from the Argentine and some covering by shorts also had a beneficial effect. The close was firm at 1c. to ⅞c. rise. Opening options—December, 40½; May, 42½; July, 43½. Closing options—December, 41½; May, 43½; July, 44½. Oats firmer at ⅛c. to ⅛c. advance. Closing options—December, 21½; May, 22; July, 21½. Rye steadier; May ⅛c. dearer. Closing options—December unquoted; May, 31½; July unquoted. Barley firm, 1⅛c. to ⅞c. up. Closing options—December, 27½; May, 27½; July, 27½. Linseed firm, 1⅛c. to 2c. dearer. Closing options—December 72⅞; May 76¼; July, 76⅞.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day	* Prev. day
No. 1 Northern	20	225
No. 2 Northern	8	141
No. 3 Northern	3	20
No. 4 Northern	—	18
Other grades	9	276
Total	40	680

* Two days.

BUENOS AIRES GRAINS.

WHEAT—Closing options—February, 5.08; March, 5.17; May, 5.26.

MAIZE—Closing options—January, 4.04; February, 4.13; March, 4.24.

LINSEED—Closing options—February, 9.31; March, 9.42; April, 9.54.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

Trading was extremely light on the Grain market to-day, prices backing and filling narrowly. Overnight developments had little effect, but the steadiness of the Stock market and cables, together with an increase in the Italian foreign quota and smaller country marketings, caused an improvement in values. After a little local selling, wheat values steadied and advanced on Eastern commission house buying, an improved domestic demand and a bullish Kansas weekly report. The rise was helped by news of continued dryness in the South-West and also owing to the improvement at Winnipeg. Maize was a very quiet market, with a mixed local trade. Some improvements developed in sympathy with wheat and owing to elevator interests buying May option. Rye and oats were moving in unison with other grades.

WHEAT opened steady, ¼c. to ⅛c. down, and closed steady, ⅛c. lower to ¼c. higher.

	To-day	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	—	—

Futures—Opening options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	42¾	43⅞	44
Prev. day	42½	43⅝	43½

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec	May	July
To-day	42⅞	44¼	44⅛
Prev. day	43	44	44⅛

MAIZE was steady at the opening, unchanged to ⅛c. down, closing steady, ½c. to ⅛c. higher. Spot No. 2 mixed Western unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	21⅝	25⅝	27¼
Prev. day	21¼	25½	27

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	22	26⅛	27½
Prev. day	21⅝	25⅝	27⅜

OATS closed steady and unchanged.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	15⅛	16⅝	17
Prev. day	—	16⅝	17

RYE finished steady at ⅛c. to ½c. rise.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	29⅛	32⅛	31⅞
Prev. day	29	31⅞	31 5/16

BARLEY—May steady, ¼c. up. Futures—Closing options—Dec. unquoted. May 28⅞.

PROVISIONS—Lard opened quiet. The market again experienced a quiet session, but prices fluctuated in sympathy with the movements of hogs. Futures closed steady, 2½ points down to unchanged. Spot was 7½ points lower at the close. Prime Western steam spot, 4.27½.

LARD—Closing options—

	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July
To-day	4.27½	3.65	3.90	3.95	—
Prev day	—	3.87½	—	3.95	—

BACON steady. Dry salted bellies were unaltered to 2½ points down. Fat backs unchanged at 5.00. Dry salted bellies—Jan. 3.17½, May 3.75.

HOGS barely steady, with light sorts 10 points down and heavy grades unchanged to 5 points lower. Light-weight 3.00 to 3.15 and heavy-weight 2.50 to 2.65.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN.

Changes shown in the various items of the week's Bank of England return are mainly the result of year-end influences. The active note circulation has expanded by £1,095,303 to £371,193,057, which is just over £7,000,000 higher than at the same date last year. The Bank's total holding of coin and bullion has risen by £34,359 to £120,593,672, a fall on the year of £755,049. Consequent upon these movements the total reserve is £1,129,662 lower on the week and £7,798,064 lower on the year at £24,400,615. Public and bankers' deposits have both risen, the former by £1,039,969 to £8,865,481, and the latter by £3,511,314 to £102,409,590, which is practically £24,000,000 lower than at the corresponding time in 1931. Private deposits have dropped by £228,624 to £33,760,123. Government securities in the banking department are £2,695,000 higher at £102,371,824, while, as a result of the market's borrowings at the Bank in preparation for the turn of the year, discounts and advances have increased by £6,676,435 to £18,509,400. Securities are £3,855,487 lower at £17,738,428. The net increase in deposits, together with the fall in the reserves, has resulted in a fall of 1.3 per cent. in the proportion of reserve to liabilities, which now stands at 16.8 per cent., the lowest figure since early in 1926. The corresponding percentage a year ago was 18.4 per cent.

Week ended Wednesday, Dec. 28th, 1932

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued—In Circulation	£371,193,057	Govt Debt	£11,015,100
In Banking Dept.	23,595,227	Other Govt. Securities	255,211,486
		Other Securities	5,057,979
		Silver Coin	3,715,435
		Amount of Fiduciary Issue	275,000,000
		Gold Coin and Bullion	119,788,284
Total	£394,788,284	Total	£394,788,284

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£102,371,824
Rest	3,430,563	Other Securities — Discounts and Advances	18,509,400
Public deposits	8,865,481	Securities	17,738,428
Other deposits—Bankers	102,409,590	Notes	23,595,227
Other Accts.	33,760,123	Gold & Silver Coin	805,388
7-day & other Bills	1,510		
Total	£163,020,267	Total	£163,020,267

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and at same date in the previous two years:—

	1932.	1931.	1930.
	£	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	371,193,057	364,150,042	368,801,566
Public Deposits	8,865,481	7,732,665	6,580,599
Other Deposits	136,169,713	166,738,813	168,608,558
Govt. Securities	102,371,824	95,340,906	81,021,247
Other Securities	36,247,828	64,903,466	76,652,628
Reserve of Notes & Coin	24,400,615	32,198,679	39,469,805
Coin & Bullion	120,593,672	121,348,721	148,271,371
Reserve to Liabilities	16.8%	18.4%	22.5%
Bank Rate	2%	6%	3%
Consols	74⅛	55⅜	57⅝
Clearinghouse Return	£ 452,202,000	£ 340,942,000	£ 605,218,000

NEWFOUNDLAND'S DEBT.

COMMISSION TO STUDY COLONY'S FUTURE.

A statement issued yesterday by the Dominions Office says:—

"Recent information has made it clear that it is not possible for the Newfoundland Government to provide out of its own resources the full instalments of interest due on the 1st January, 1933, on its external debt.

"During the recent presence of Mr. Bennett in the United Kingdom, the opportunity was taken to consult him upon those aspects of the situation which are of special interest to the United Kingdom and Canada, and it has now been arranged that a loan of 1,250,000 dollars shall be made available to His Majesty's Government in Newfoundland to enable the service of the debt on 1st January to be met in full.

"Of this loan one-half will be advanced by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, while His Majesty's Government in Canada will arrange for the advance of the other half.

"His Majesty's Government in Newfoundland, on their part, have agreed to the appointment of a Commission consisting of two members nominated by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom—one of whom will be appointed in consultation with His Majesty's Government in Canada—and a third nominated by His Majesty's Government in Newfoundland.

"The purpose of the Commission will be to examine into the future of Newfoundland, and, in particular, to report on the financial situation and prospects, and what measures may be necessary to secure its financial stability, with a view to decisions being reached and appropriate arrangements made before the debt interest due on the 1st July, 1933, matures.

"Steps will be taken to appoint the Commission as soon as possible."

STAGE ARTISTS AND BROADCASTING.

BAN LIFTED ON COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS.

The British Broadcasting Corporation announces that the General Theatres Corporation, Ltd., in order not to disappoint listeners, has agreed to lift the ban to artists who have already arranged to broadcast.

The B.B.C. and the directors of the General Theatres Corporation, Ltd., will make an exhaustive survey of the situation to see if it is possible to come to an arrangement whereby the services of the artists under contract to the General Theatres Corporation may be available for broadcast.

When a reporter conveyed the news to her that the ban had been lifted, Miss Gracie Fields said: "I am very pleased that I shall not have to disappoint my many listener friends. I have had many letters from poor people in country districts, and blind people in institutions, and others, saying how much they are looking forward to the broadcast, and I am awfully glad to be able to keep faith with them."

FARMERS PREPARING FOR THE SPRING

FARMING OPERATIONS.—Farmers are now busily preparing for the not far distant spring. The photograph above and the lower picture on the right were taken yesterday on County Dublin farms.

SCARCE AND WELCOME.—Flowers are scarce at this season of the year, and therefore doubly welcome. The picture shows winter blossoms in the Dublin South City Market.

1 STATION AT A TIME . . .

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FORCING THE PACE.—An incident of yesterday's Rugby football match at Donnybrook, Bective Schoolboys v. Lansdowne School.

HOSPITAL DANCE.—Some of the doctors and nursing staff of the Drumcondra Hospital and their friends at the dance held at the hospital on Wednesday night last.

Lieutenant-Commander Dixon, D.S.C., who delivered a lecture on "Little Ships on Long Voyages" yesterday at Ballsbridge. This lecture was one of the Royal Dublin Society's series of "Juvenile Lectures."

ODDLY NAMED.—Play between "Brussels Sprouts" and "Cauliflowers," two of the teams competing yesterday at Rathmines, Dublin, in the annual American lacrosse tournament for the Lady Harty Cup.

THE CUP.—Miss M. Leonard presenting the Lady Harty Cup to Miss J. Dunlop, captain of the "Brussels Sprouts" team, winners of yesterday's lacrosse tournament at Rathmines, Dublin.

AT GRIPS WITH AMERICA.

FILM PRODUCTION CHALLENGE.

BRITAIN GAINING ADVANTAGES.

FOR many years past the American film-producing companies have had a grip on the European market which has almost amounted to a stranglehold, but during 1932 there were distinct signs that the end of their virtual monopoly was in sight. The film business is more closely connected with the question of hard cash than any other form of art, and Hollywood, with its immense financial resources, has hitherto been able to stand out with ease against all comers. The production of even an unpretentious film costs a great deal of money, while good actors and directors, efficient marketing systems and proper publicity are not to be obtained for nothing. One of the chief reasons why British films did not make much headway, even in England, has been that enough money was not spent on the making of them.

This year, however, the challenge has been met, and already some results are apparent. The Gaumont-British Company, in particular, decided to take up this matter of film-production seriously, and, as well as opening a new and gigantic studio at Shepherd's Bush, announced its intention of spending £1,000,000 on new films within the ensuing twelve months. We may expect that, in spite of the depression, sufficiently large sums will be spent on actors and directors to ensure that British pictures will be of a much higher standard than formerly: already one film has been produced at Shepherd's Bush ("Rome Express") and, although we have not yet seen it in Dublin, it has been acclaimed by the London critics as a great advance on previous pictures.

GERMAN FILMS.

The working arrangement which the same company entered into with the German company, Ufa, is another sign of the breaking of the American grip. The German silent films were able to hold their own fairly well with Hollywood by reason of their better quality, but the coming of the talking picture confined their scope to their own country. Now, however, an arrangement has been made by which a good film can be "doubled" with the least possible expense, and British actors have been working at Neubabelsburg "translating" several German films into English, while in some cases French actors have been also engaged in making a version in their language. The arrangement between Gaumont and Ufa is reciprocal, so that good English films may also be translated into German in the future. The system, of course, involves a large saving of money in scenery and general properties, and should lead to an extension of the market for both English and German pictures.

A proof that the British challenge is being taken seriously is the significant agreement between the United Artists' Corporation of America and British and Dominion Films, another company which has been strengthening its position. The deal involves between five and six million pounds, and under it the United Artists have agreed to distribute English pictures throughout America. It is the first time that a British film company has been able to gain anything approaching a foothold in the American market, and the increased revenue from this source is bound to have a good effect on the quality of future British productions.

As far as Ireland is concerned, we seem to be as far from establishing a native cinema as ever, and, bearing in mind the example of the British studios, it seems fairly evident that we will have little hope of doing so until we are in a position to spend a great deal of money on studios, equipment and actors. As this state of affairs is not likely to come about for some time yet, we must dismiss the idea for the present, though certainly there is no reason why good open-air work could not be done in a smaller way by intelligent men. An experiment in this direction was made during the year by Colonel Haddick, whose film, "The Voice of Ireland," was shown at one of the Dublin cinemas a few months ago.

The case of Mr. Robert Flaherty shows even more strongly what can be done with few materials and a limited amount of money, provided that there are brains behind the camera. His film of life on the Aran Islands is still being produced, and, though it may seem stupid to prophesy that it will be very good, there is little doubt that will be so. Mr. Flaherty has already earned a reputation for himself with his films of the South Seas and the Arctic, so that we can expect his latest picture to be of the same standard as "Tabu," "Moana" and "Nanook." Making intelligent records of the life of our people is a thing that might well engage the attention of Irish film producers, but anything beyond that is obviously out of the question at present.

DUBLIN'S TIME-LAG.

We have seen a number of fairly good films in Dublin during the year, but Ireland suffers from a "time-lag" where pictures are concerned, and generally the stars are not visible here until several months after they have made their appearance in London, while sometimes they are not visible at all. A number of interesting pictures have been denied us owing to the very severe Irish censorship, and, while some of us may wonder whether legs are any worse as a moral influence than gangsters, there is evidently no use in questioning a system which is so firmly established.

The most important film was, undoubtedly, "Kameradschaft," Pabst's study of the French mining accident and its German rescue party. The comparative failure of this picture is a perplexing thing in a city which boasts of two artistic theatres and a reputation for good taste. One can only come to the conclusion that, while Dublin has little to learn in the matter of appreciation for the drama, its public have not yet reached the point of knowing a good film when they see one.

"Sunshine Susie," which arrived here at the beginning of the year, was a landmark in British production, and, incidentally, seems to have set a fashion in fantastic comedy, which "Jack's the Boy" and "Love on Wheels" have since followed with some success. Jack Hulbert appeared in all three, and, although he has never equalled the carefree absurdity of his performance in "Sunshine Susie," he is a distinct find as a film comedian.

Other good picture of 1932 were "Monkey Business" (with the four Marx Brothers), Pommer's "Congress Dances" (which was, however, vaguely disappointing), Edward G. Robinson in "Five Star Final," James Cagney in "The Public Enemy," a delightfully delicate comedy—"The Guardsman," "Platinum Blonde," "Street Scene," and "Hell Divers." We renewed our acquaintance with several old friends—notably Wallace Beery, Ronald Colman, Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, and Jack Buchanan—and made the acquaintance of Marlene Dietrich in "Shanghai Express." Two outstanding "horror films" were presented, in one of which ("Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde") there was some very fine acting by Frederic March. The other, "Frankenstein," had the rather unusual experience of passing the Free State censor with safety and of being considered too much for the Northern public.

On the whole, we have not been badly catered for during the year, and shall have little to grumble at if the same standard is maintained in 1933.

Thirteen Hungarian miners were killed by an explosion in a mine near Nagy-Manyok yesterday. A fourteenth was seriously injured.

LIVE-STOCK TRADE.

BETTER EXPORT DEMAND.

SHEEP FOR BELGIUM.

OWING to the low price of turkeys and geese at Christmas, Dublin victuallers found themselves with a large quantity of beef and mutton on hands this week. Consequently their wants at the Dublin cattle market yesterday were 50 per cent. less than usual.

Cattle totalled 2,448, or 767 more than last week, and there was a good demand for export. Big bullocks were bought at late rates for London and Glasgow, while there also was an inquiry for rough bullocks for Lancashire. Almost the entire trade was confined to shippers, and, for good cattle, prices were slightly higher than a week ago. Prime heavy stall-fed bullocks ranged from 28s. to 30s. per cwt., live weight, while handy-weight stall-fed heifers brought from 29s. to 31s., and in exceptional cases up to 32s. Ordinary out-fed cattle changed hands at 22s. to 25s. and 26s. per cwt.

SHEEP.

In the sheep section, mutton met with a very slow inquiry, especially for sheep over 90lb. body-weight. Fancy wethers made from 5½d. to 6d. per lb., dead-weight; others from 4½d. to 5d., and ewes from 3½d. to 4d. per lb. Lambs met with a good demand, more especially for those selling at under 20s. per head, the general range of values being from 14s. to 20s. each, with occasional lots up to 25s.

A typical pen of Oxford Down hoggets was bought from Mr. Thomas Abraham, Geashill, on the stand of Messrs. Bergin, O'Connor, and Co., for export to Belgium, where they will be exhibited at a live stock show with a view to seeing if there is likely to be any market for them in the future.

Even with prices generally ruling in sellers' favour, exporters bought more freely yesterday than for some time past, and there was a good clearance of cattle and lambs.

HOTEL FIRE SCENES.

WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF BY MOTOR ACCIDENT.

While firemen were fighting a fire at the Saint Ola Hotel, Harbour street, Kirkwall, on Wednesday a motor car crashed into and demolished the main hydrant connection and cut off the water supply. Hoses had to be run round a corner a distance of 150 yards to another hydrant.

Considerable damage was done to the hotel, but the only guests, Lieutenant-Commander Harrison, of London; Mrs. Stephen and Mr. A. S. Johnston, brother and sister, the proprietors, and the staff escaped uninjured after making an effort to extinguish the flames with buckets of water.

Miss Smith, the cook, told a reporter that while members of the staff were at tea they heard an explosion of some kind, and thought that it was merely a peal of thunder. Later they detected smoke, and when she left the table to investigate she found the hall filled with smoke. She opened a door and more smoke belched out, almost overcoming her. She managed to shout "Fire!" before she collapsed. She was helped clear by someone.

Miss Ella Stephen, daughter of Mrs. Stephen, ran to the telephone, but found herself cut off from the cabinet by smoke. She staggered to the Kirkwall Hotel, where she fainted in the hall after raising the alarm.

Mr. John Mackay, owner of the Kirkwall Hotel, telephoned the fire brigade, and immediately organised his own staff as volunteer fire-fighters. Forming a chain they passed hundreds of buckets of water up a ladder on to the roof of their store, which adjoins the blazing hotel and containing an underground tank with 300 gallons of petrol.

The Saint Ola Hotel by this time was in the grip of flames thirty feet high, and sparks were showering on to Harbour street and vessels in the inner harbour. When the fire brigade arrived the firemen entered the front of the second storey with smoke masks. Jewellery belonging to Mrs. Stephen was saved by a fireman.

£1,250,000 FOR WHEAT FARMERS.

COMMISSION'S FIRST PAYMENT.

The British Wheat Commission, in a statement issued last night, says:—

At the end of this week the Wheat Commission are making their first payment to wheat-growers, under the provisions of the Wheat Act, 1932. This payment takes the form of an advance on account of the "deficiency payments" that will become due in respect of wheat which is the subject of accepted certificates lodged with the Commission before the end of November.

It is estimated that the average price of home-grown millable wheat sold during the current cereal year will be little more than 5s. per cwt. (or 22s. 6d. per quarter), so that the "price deficit" to make up the "standard price" of 10s. per cwt. (45s. per quarter) will itself approach 5s. per cwt., and this, subject to a deduction of less than a penny per cwt. to meet administrative costs, will constitute the total deficiency payment per cwt. The present advance of 3s. per cwt. will, therefore, leave a balance to the credit of each of the growers concerned. It is not a settlement with them.

The number of wheat certificates received by the Commission and credited to registered growers up to the end of November was 74,356, representing some 8,570,000 cwt. of wheat (or 1,904,000 quarters of 504 lbs.), so that the money now being distributed to wheat farmers will exceed £1,250,000.

BRITISH RAILWAYS' CLAIM.

DRAFTING WAGES BOARD'S FINDINGS.

The preliminary work of drafting the findings of the British Wages Board in reference to the claim of the British railway companies for a further percentage reduction of salaries and wages was begun yesterday by a sub-committee of four or five members, which met the Chairman (Sir Harold Morris, K.C.) privately in London.

The object of the meeting was to draft the portion of the report dealing mainly with the non-controversial section covering the statement of the claim and the arguments of both sides as given in evidence before the Board.

The full Board is not likely to meet until January 10, and it will then have to arrive at the decision on the findings. The award, which will probably be a majority one, is expected to be issued about January 12.

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SOCIETY'S SUCCESS.

AMATEUR RIDERS TO THE FORE AT CHELTENHAM.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

CHELTENHAM, Thursday Night.

AMATEUR riders were again well in evidence on the concluding day at Cheltenham, and Mr. G. P. Shakerley, who had won the previous day on Sanpere, completed a nice double when winning the Stayers' Handicap Steeplechase on Society, who was running in Ireland in the early part of the year with some success.

It may be said that Society won because the better and more fancied horses fell, but credit must be given to the mare, and also her owner-rider, for keeping going throughout this telling four-miles contest. A hot favourite was made of Egremont, ridden by Mr. E. Paget, and the gelding was going well until reaching the water on the final circuit when he came down along with Wretham.

VINICOLE WELL BEATEN.

The Ace II., who had been with the leaders all the way, was in front passing the stands for the last time, but he is a plodder, and was unable to go with Society when she drew away clear at the top of the hill. Vinicole made an attempt to catch the mare coming down the hill, but, though under pressure, was unable to respond, and, still going strongly, The Ace II. passed him after the turn for home to qualify for second place. Only the three placed horses completed the course.

Rock Hill II. showed up well on the first circuit, and Dream of Fortune was in a promising position when he came down at the fence, after Wretham and Egremont had fallen. Robin-a-Tiptoe, who won the National Hunt Steeplechase here last March, was an early faller, and, though remounted, was pulled up soon after half-way.

WELL-BACKED WINNER.

David Harrison, the Tenby trainer, supplied a well-backed winner of the Ross Handicap Hurdle in Caldey Light, who won last time out at Worcester. Speck was content to ride a waiting race on the mare, and until the last half mile four other horses appeared to be going equally as well. It was not until making the turn for home that Caldey Light was taken to the outside to challenge for the lead, and before the last hurdles he was in front, and on the flat quickly sprinted away.

One of the amateur-ridden winners was Lady Clarion in the Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase, who was the mount of her owner, Mr. G. Elliott. The mare did not have a quotation in the market, and her path to victory was made clear by a number of accidents. At the very first fence the hot favourite, Faithful Garry, came down, and they had not gone very far before two other backed horses, General Crack and Vive L'Amour, were on the floor.

When holding a nice lead two fences from home Reynoldstown hit the top of the obstacle and shot her jockey into the air, and but for making a bad mistake three fences from home Delafirme would probably have won, but as it was Lady Clarion was left with an unassailable lead after Reynoldstown had fallen.

ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR BACKERS.

The meeting, which had provided a number of unexpected results, concluded with a rank outsider, Captain Ginger, winning the Fairford Maiden Hurdle. The favourite, Batt of Traf, was beaten a long way from home, and after D'Eynecourt had looked likely to make all the running he was caught approaching the straight by Jawbreaker, who had been last passing the stands. At the last hurdles, however, Captain Ginger raced into the lead, and struggled on to hold off Jawbreaker, who continued to race on with resolution.

A PERFECT JUMPER.

Mr. R. C. Symonds had an enjoyable ride to win the Winchcombe Selling Steeplechase on his horse, Ballyspinner, who jumped perfectly throughout the three miles, and had a lead of many lengths when taking the last fence. Favouritism was shared by Ballyspinner and Melrush, and the field had not gone far when this pair were out clear. They were together passing the stands, but Ballyspinner was jumping better than his opponent, and a mile from home commenced to draw away, soon being twenty lengths clear. Ballyspinner was sold to Mr. F. W. Romney, of Upton-on-Severn, a newcomer to racing, for 145 guineas.

The local training establishment controlled by Ben Roberts supplied the winner of the Tetbury Selling Hurdle in Chips, owned by Mr. E. Davis. The gelding had won so decisively at Derby last week that he was again well backed, sharing favouritism with Rattlin the Reefer. Until half a mile from home the latter flattered his supporters, racing in front with Essex Beacon, but both were beaten entering the straight, when Norman Invader drew away only to be caught at the last hurdle by Chips, who drew away on the flat an easy winner.

SELECTIONS.

We move on to Newbury to-morrow, where an excellent programme awaits discussion. Insurance is to make his first appearance over fences in the Reading Steeplechase, and, as he has been well schooled, he should get round all right. There are possibilities about Kilcash Hill, Castle Irwell and Golden Square, but INSURANCE may win.

The United Service Steeplechase may fall to GAY DEVIL and the Juvenile Hurdle to NEST EGG.

GALTEE MORE.

NEWBURY PROGRAMME.

1.0—THEALE SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	Age	st.	lb.
SAUCY BOY (Mr. F. H. Winter) Gosden	a	12	7
RELATION (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell	a	12	6
ROCK BOTTOM (Mr. H. Lester) J. Scott	6	12	6
LE GUIDE (Mr. R. Cartwright) O. Anthony	6	12	4
ELECTIVE (Mr. W. V. Stokes) F. Morgan	6	12	2
DERELICT (Mrs. McCowen) Gilbert	6	12	1
SOMERCOTES (Mr. A. C. Boutall) Lyall	a	12	0
MARTIAN (Mr. E. Baker) Lefebve	a	12	0
CENTIAN BLUE (Mr. G. C. Poole) Poole	5	12	0
MULLACAIRN (Mr. J. Rank) W. Payne	a	11	12
GOLSONCOTT (Capt. J. W. Bridges) I. Anthony	5	11	11
MONK'S ORB (Mr. E. B. Skey) Beary	4	11	11
HISTORICAL (Mr. H. Young) H. Young	a	11	11
GALINGALE (Col. J. A. Fairhurst) I. Anthony	a	11	10
PLAGUE (Capt. J. B. Powell) Powell	5	11	9
FREE FORESTER (Mr. F. Botterill) R. Payne	6	11	7
GERUNDIVE (Capt. G. C. Paul) Willett	6	11	7
IBSTOCK (Mr. K. Goode) Goode	a	11	6
AHMED BEN (Mrs. A. L. Pendarves) Pendarves	a	11	6
RONDEAU (Mr. E. N. Lyons) Thrale	5	11	5
SUBLIME FIRE (Mr. D. G. Young) D. Young	a	11	4
NUXFORD (Mr. A. E. Berry) F. Morgan	6	11	4
OVERDRAFT (Mr. R. D. Cohen) Powell	a	11	4
SOCRATES (Mr. J. C. W. Lewis) H. Whiteman	a	11	3
TREMOLITE (Mr. W. Maiden) J. Reardon	6	11	3
BIRTHDAY PRIDE (Mr. A. Wilkinson) Brown	6	11	0
EAST AFRICA (Mrs. H. Pilkington) Powell	a	11	0
MASTER POACHER (Mrs. Derek Jackson) Powell	6	11	0
BALLYEATA (Mr. M. A. Little) Hall	5	10	13
STRUMLEVER (Mr. J. de Moraville) De Moraville	a	10	12
PETER MURRAY (Mr. C. F. H. Priday) Priday	a	10	12
ASTIR (Mr. E. C. Wheeler) B. Rogers	a	10	9

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
03	ROCK BOTTOM		6/1
0	LE GUIDE	W. Speck	100/8
02	DERELICT	Mr. P. Gallwey	10/1
00	SOMERCOTES	R. Lyall	20/1
01	HISTORICAL	F. Sergeant	9/2
20	GALINGALE	Mr. E. Williams	6/1
00	PLAGUE		20/1
00	IBSTOCK	T. James	20/1
00	AHMED BEN	F. Maxwell	20/1
00	RONDEAU	R. Thrale	20/1
00	SUBLIME FIRE	R. Mason	10/1
00	NUXFORD	T. F. Morgan	20/1
32	SOCRATES	Owner	7/2
00	TREMOLITE	G. Hardy	20/1
00	BIRTHDAY PRIDE	E. Davey	20/1
20	STRUMLEVER	F. Gurney	20/1
00	PETER MURRAY	T. Cullinan	100/8
00	EAST AFRICA	W. Parvin	20/1

1.30—YATESBURY SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	Age	st.	lb.
ANCHOR WATCH (Mr. W. R. Bissill) Bissill	5	12	3
BOOMLET (Mr. E. E. Large) I. Anthony	a	12	3
BUCKS CLOVER (Mrs. A. G. Moon) Delaney	6	12	3
PEERTOI (Mr. C. R. Taylor) Coulthwaite	a	12	3
SQUARCIA (Mr. T. Walls) Walls	a	12	3
ROI DES ENFERS (Major A. Bonsor) F. Hartigan	a	11	12
FENG (Mr. W. Clowes, jun.) East	a	11	12
SPECTROSCOPE (Mr. H. Collins) G. Bennett	a	11	12
DODABETTA (Mr. G. Duller) Duller	5	11	12
GAY AMOUR (Mr. R. P. Harding) Weber	6	11	12
BASRA (Mrs. J. Howeson) W. Nightingall	6	11	12
BALLYSCANLON (Mr. Hutchinson) Hedges	a	11	12
RONDEAU (Mr. E. N. Lyons) Thrale	5	11	12
VARSHASDAROVIA (Maj. H. Lyons) Sneyd	6	11	12
MAY CRESCENT (Mr. Rayson) Rayson	a	11	12
MR. FLIM (Maj. Stevens) Stevens	a	11	12
ESSEX BEACON (Mr. P. Thrale) Thrale	5	11	12
NORMAN ABBOT (Mr. T. Walton) Butchers	5	11	12
PARD (Mrs. R. N. Willett) Willett	a	11	12
DE PROPS (Mr. W. Withycombe) Private	4	11	12
RUSSET (Mr. J. Baylis) G. Wilson	4	11	7
SLEDGE (Mrs. E. Harmsworth) Beary	4	11	7
SUNFLASH (Maj. Barrett) Barrett	3	10	7
BEAUTY PRIZE (Mr. M. A. T. Johnson) E. Johnson	3	10	7
TRAVELLER (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell	3	10	2
HOPEFUL DWARF (Mr. E. Harper) E. Harper	3	10	2
EMBARKATION (Comdr. McCowen) Gilbert	3	10	2
ABBOTS FERRY (Mr. H. Simmonds) Dick	3	10	2
PRIDDY HILL (Mr. G. Todd) G. Todd	3	10	2
TARBOUSH (Mr. H. Young) H. Young	3	10	2

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
0	BOOMLET	D. Morgan	20/1
00	BUCKS CLOVER	W. Gilling	20/1
30	SQUARCIA	Mr. T. Walls, jun.	10/1
00	ROI DES ENFERS	D. Williams	10/1
00	FENG	H. East	100/8
11	SPECTROSCOPE	W. Stott	5/4
0	DODABETTA	J. Moloney	20/1
	BASRA	T. H. Carey	100/8
00	RONDEAU	R. Thrale	20/1
00	VARSHASDAROVIA	R. Everett	20/1
00	MAY CRESCENT	E. Davey	20/1
23	NORMAN ABBOT	D. Butchers	7/1
00	RUSSET	A. Escott	20/1
02	SUNFLASH	F. Proudman	100/8
00	BEAUTY PRIZE	F. Caffery	20/1
0	EMBARKATION	F. Gurney	20/1
1	PRIDDY HILL	J. B. Jones	8/1

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Theale Steeplechase—**Strumlever.**
Yatesbury Hurdle—**Spectroscope** (nap).
Reading Steeplechase—**Insurance.**
Didcot Hurdle—**White Flag.**
United Services' Steeplechase — **Primrose Knight.**
Juvenile Hurdle—**Max.**

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.

Spectroscope and Max.

2.0—READING STEEPLECHASE of 400 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	Age	st.	lb.
LYNTON (Mr. M. Stephens) Blair	5	12	9
PARTHENON (Mr. H. L. Cottrill) Cottrill	5	12	4
VIVACIOUS (Mrs. C. Jones) J. Scott	5	12	4
KING OSCAR (Miss D. Paget) Briscoe	4	12	1
KILCASH HILL (Lady H. McCalmont) F. Hartigan	6	12	0
CASTLE IRWELL (Mr. C. A. Rogers) J. Anthony	4	11	3
LITTLE BLACKBIRD (Maj. J. M. J. Evans) Woodland	6	11	2
BOB STONE (Mr. R. E. Morel) Roberts	a	11	2
BEN MOY (Lord Stalbridge) Private	6	11	2
SOMNUS (Mrs. Whitehead) Earl	a	11	2
CORDUROY (Mr. S. Wootton) S. Wootton	6	11	2
INSURANCE (Miss D. Paget) Briscoe	5	10	13
SEA DEVIL (Mr. H. B. Brandt) James	4	10	12
MULLED CLARET (Lord Glanely) I. Anthony	4	10	12
SOLIPED (Mrs. C. L. Mackean) Poole	4	10	12
ST. CLEMENTS (Brig.-Gen. J. Rotton) F. Brown	4	10	12
GOLDEN SQUARE (Mr. H. L. Thomas) I. Anthony	6	10	11
SOUTHERN VALE (Sir G. Abercromby) E. Piggott	6	10	11
DELAFERME (Mr. J. B. Snow) Beeby	6	10	11
READY CASH (Capt. C. A. Cartwright) W. Payne	5	10	8
PORTSLADE (Mrs. H. M. Hollins) W. Payne	5	10	8
KARAMAN (Mr. E. S. T. Johnson) E. Johnson	5	10	8
DONNINGTON (Col. J. A. Fairhurst) I. Anthony	4	10	7
GAELIC PRINCE (Ld. Milton) J. Hogan	4	10	7
JACK DRUMMER (Ld. Stalbridge) Private	4	10	7
DOUBLE CROSSED (Mr. J. H. Whitney) J. Anthony	4	10	7

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
10	LYNTON	D. McCann	6/1
00	KILCASH HILL	D. Williams	20/1
00	CASTLE IRWELL	W. Speck	20/1
02	LITTLE BLACKBIRD	J. Hamey	10/1
00	BOB STONE	E. Foster	5/1
02	BEN MOY		20/1
20	SOMNUS	T. Leader	100/8
10	INSURANCE	W. Stott	4/1
20	SOLIPED	D. Morgan	100/8
02	GOLDEN SQUARE	Owner	9/2
00	KARAMAN	C. Rhodes	20/1
00	DONNINGTON	R. Burford, jun.	20/1
00	DOUBLE CROSSED		10/1

2.30—DIDCOT HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 250 sovs. 2 m.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	Age	st.	lb.
SONG OF ESSEX (Sir Hugh Nugent) Nugent	6	12	7
LAST OF THE DANDIES (Mr. J. V. Rank) W. Payne	5	12	2
RESIDUE (Mr. B. Warner) O. Anthony	a	11	11
TEES HEAD (Mr. M. Stephens) Blair	5	11	7
PASSADO (Mr. H. Simmonds) Dick	4	11	6
FENG (Mr. W. Clowes, jun.) East	a	11	4
BOB STONE (Mr. R. Morel) Roberts	a	11	4
TELEGRAPHIC (Sir Malcolm McAlpine) J. M. Bell	5	11	2
WHITE FLAG (Mrs. Mundy) D. Harrison	a	11	0
WENCESLAS (Mr. H. Lester) V. Hobbs	4	10	13
ST. MARK (Mr. V. Emanuel) Duller	4	10	12
PRINCE NOIR (Mr. R. Morel) Roberts	6	10	9
BLUE VINNY (Mr. P. Kindersley) Poole	a	10	9
BALLYHALBERT (Mr. T. Lloyd) Thrale	4	10	7
QUARTER SESSIONS (Mrs. Marshall Field) H. Brown	6	10	3
RIVALRY (Mrs. Spottiswoode) Macnee	5	10	3
MUTE SWAN (Mrs. H. Martin) Gilbert	5	10	0
MANVERO (Mr. Anderton) W. Nightingall	a	10	0

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
13	SONG OF ESSEX	W. Parvin	5/1
11	RESIDUE		8/1
00	TEES HEAD	D. McCann	100/8
10	PASSADO	G. Hardy	10/1
00	FENG		20/1
00	TELEGRAPHIC	D. Butchers	20/1
02	WHITE FLAG	W. Speck	4/1
01	WENCESLAS	G. Wilson	3/1
20	ST. MARK	J. Moloney	20/1
30	BLUE VINNY	Colin Richards	5/1
00	QUARTER SESSIONS	W. Stott	100/8
30	RIVALRY	C. Sones	8/1
01	MUTE SWAN		20/1

3.0—UNITED SERVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 175 sovs. 3 m.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	Age	st.	lb.
SOUTHERN HERO (Mr. Rank) Evans	a	12	5
FERRANS (Mr. Smith-Bingham) Pease	a	12	0
GAY DEVIL (Capt. Brownhill) Thrale	5	12	0
RUIN (Mrs. R. Fellowes) F. Hartigan	a	11	11
GALLEY-FIRE (Mr. H. Beaufoy) Law	a	11	9
PLASTER OF PARIS (Mr. R. C. Petre) Rayson	5	11	8
SIR DENNIS (Mr. Maundrell) R. Bennett	a	11	6
WHITE BRIDGE (Mr. J. Norris) Norris	5	11	5
MYTHOLOGIST (Capt. R. E. Sassoon) Woodland	a	11	4
MOOREFIELD III. (Mr. F. J. Honour) R. Bennett	a	11	2
RELATION (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell	a	11	2
NIMCOMPOOP (Ld. Portman) Pease	a	10	13
MOUNTOI (Capt. C. R. Petre) Petre	6	10	9
MIGHTY CHANCE (Mr. Crosse) Bisgood	6	10	8
OVERDRAFT (Mrs. R. Cohen) Powell	a	10	7
BUCKS MAIDEN (Mr. J. Hall) Hall	6	10	5
BATH CHAP (Sir G. Congreve) Congreve	a	10	5
PRIMROSE KNIGHT (Capt. R. Sassoon) Woodland	a	10	5
CINDER TRACK (Comdr. J. McCowen) Gilbert	a	10	5
OTHER WAVE (Mr. Deterding) R. Payne	6	10	5

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
20	SOUTHERN HERO		10/1
11	GAY DEVIL	Owner	2/1
00	PLASTER OF PARIS		100/6
02	WHITE BRIDGE		10/1
02	MYTHOLOGIST	Mr. R. G. Fanshawe	10/1
01	RELATION		9/2
00	MOUNTOI	Mr. P. Gallwey	100/6
1	BATH CHAP	Owner	5/1
13	PRIMROSE KNIGHT	Owner	8/1
0	CINDER TRACK		100/6
00	OTHER WAVE	Owner	100/6

3.30—JUVENILE HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Three-years-olds only. 1½ m.

Horse (Owner) Trainer	st.	lb.
ALLEY (Mr. A. S. Boxall) Boxall	11	8
DEFIANT GIRL (Mr. R. R. Jeffrey) Earl	11	8
WELLINGTON (Mr. C. Allen) W. Payne	11	8
NEST EGG (Sir M. Wilson) W. Nightingall	11	8
RESULT (Mrs. A. G. Moon) Delaney	11	3
MAX (Mrs. M. L. Snow) Snow	10	12
MARVELLOUS (Mr. J. Anthony) J. Anthony	10	10
VOYAGER (Maj. T. G. N. Bardwell) Law	10	10
HOLMWOOD (Mr. A. E. Berry) Fk. Morgan	10	10
BLUE MIRAGE (Mr. G. H. Bostwick) I. Anthony	10	10
SOCIAL EVENT (Mr. A. Boutall) C. Beechener	10	10
TIBERE (Mr. Renton) Renton	10	10
YANKEE CLIPPER (Mr. J. Clayton) T. Leader	10	10
CONTRAST (Mr. D. Crossman) R. Adams	10	10
DONE AGAIN (Mrs. Dick) Dick	10	10
ESCURIAL (Mr. A. Donn) W. Payne	10	10
ASTRAHAM (Mr. Robert McAlpine) Poole	10	10
ORPHIC (Miss V. Middleton) Bisgood	10	10
TRIVET (Capt. Lionel Montagu) Earl	10	10
SILVANI (Sir Duncan Orr-Lewis) Private	10	10
DUNCOOLER (Mr. O. J. Phillipson) Stedall	10	10
TABASCO (Mrs. B. Pratt) Butchers	10	10
BRENTFORD (Mrs. W. Savile) Snow	10	10
CHORIAMBIC (Mrs. Spottiswoode) Macnee	10	10
BOGEY (Mr. C. R. Taylor) F. Leader	10	10
COMPREHENSION (Mr. V. T. Thompson) F. Hartigan	10	10
SISTERARI (Mr. B. Warner) O. Anthony	10	10
SCYLLA (Mr. W. Peel Dawson) Lindsay	10	5
AUTOCRAT (Mrs. E. A. Dodd) G. Dodd	10	5
THE COMMONER (Mr. G. Duller) Duller	10	5
COACH FARE (Mr. J. Hoboken) Bletsoe	10	5
DORSET (Mr. John Johnstone) Davey	10	5
BRIGHT SPARK (Mrs. H. E. Lyons) Earl	10	5
FELCOURT LASS (Mr. R. McAlpine) Poole	10	5
THE SPIDER (Mr. F. Hartigan) F. Hartigan	10	5
THE APPLE GIRL (Mr. T. J. Morris) P. Yates	10	5
YARE (Miss Hilda Nason) L.-Ward	10	5
KAPAI TE HOOT (Mrs. R. A. Prioleau) Prioleau	10	5
COCK BRIDGE (Mr. T. Rayson) Rayson	10	5
DERRYARGAN (Mrs. V. H. Rennick) Private	10	5
TERRE VERTE (Mrs. A. S.-Bingham) Pease	10	5
LONE BUSH (Lord Stalbridge) Private	10	5
ALOFT (Mrs. Michael Stephens) Blair	10	5
MISS CELESTE (Mr. G. Laing-Ward) L.-Ward	10	5
HAPPY FANNY (Sir Ernest Wills) Nugent	10	8

Form.	Probable Starters	Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
02	WELLINGTON	G. Hardy	7/1
31	NEST EGG	W. Stott	4/1
20	MAX		7/2
	MARVELLOUS		20/1
00	HOLMWOOD	F. Sclater	20/1
30	SOCIAL EVENT	C. Beechener	6/1
0	DONE AGAIN	W. Hollick	20/1
	ASTRAHAN	D. Morgan	20/1
0	TRIVET		20/1
0	DUNCOOLER	A. Escott	20/1
3	CHORIAMBIC	W. Parvin	10/1
0	COMPREHENSION		10/1
	SISTERARI		20/1
0	AUTOCRAT	J. B. Jones	20/1
	BRIGHT SPARK	T. Leader	20/1
00	THE SPIDER	S. Ingham	10/1
0	YARE	P. Walsh	20/1
	KAPAI TE HOOT		20/1
0	COCK BRIDGE	E. Davey	20/1
	DERRYARGAN	G. Wilson	20/1
00	ALOFT	J. Goswell	100/8
00	HAPPY FANNY	H. Hughes	100/8

CRICKET.

TO PLAY OR WRITE?

VAIN SEARCH FOR BRADMAN TO GET HIS DECISION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

NEWSPAPER men have spent an expensive and sleepless night. Hordes of them have been combing the city in taxis throughout the night endeavouring to discover the whereabouts of Don Bradman, who has gone into hiding to escape their attentions. Despite the most thorough search no one has succeeded in finding him. He has disappeared completely.

The search began after the announcement by the Board of Control that the player-writer rule would be strictly enforced. This means that Bradman will either have to break his contract to write on the forthcoming Test or not play in it. He cannot do both, as he is not a whole-time journalist. They alone, by the rule, are allowed to play and also write.

BRADMAN'S SILENCE.

What will Bradman do? That is what the whole world wants to know, and it is the ambition of every newspaper man in Australia to get a scoop with his decision. He has so far committed no breach of the player-writer rule, and if he wants to play he can do so. The question is—Does he?

Although it is understood that the Sydney newspaper for which he is under contract to write has offered to release him, Bradman has not given the slightest hint as to his final intentions. Only his appearance on the field will settle whether he intends to write or play.

When the matter first came up Bradman stated that he would abide by his contract to write at all costs, even though his employers had generously offered to release him. Whether he has decided to abide by that decision is not known.

The original player-writer rule permitted writing by cricketers "wholly" occupied in journalism. To-day's motion aimed at the deletion of the word "wholly," thereby permitting part-time writers, such as Bradman, to write and make comment. The motion was discussed at length, but, as was generally expected, was defeated. The position, therefore, remains unchanged.

BROADCASTING.

The question of broadcasting was also brought up. The Board did not view with favour the extent of the broadcasting done by Australian cricketers. There was the chance that they might make statements which would tend to promote ill-feeling among their fellow-cricketers and the officials of visiting teams.

The Board, therefore, will request players who broadcast—and these include most of the well-known cricketers in Australia, including Bradman—to refrain from making any statements or criticisms to which any exception might be taken by their fellow-cricketers, opponents, or officials. If there is any breach of this request the Board may consider putting broadcasting by players under a ban for the remainder of the season.

It was further resolved that the whole question of broadcasting by players should be gone into at the end of the current season.

LARWOOD PRACTISES.

The English team practised at the nets this morning. Larwood was out giving his side a test. Clad in a sweater he did not attempt to send down any expresses, but contented himself with bowling at half-speed. He is almost certain to play to-morrow. Few, if any, changes are expected. Allen, however, appears likely to lose his place to either Tate or Bowes. The English team is not likely to be chosen till the morning of the match.

R. K. Oxenham, the Queensland all-rounder and one of the two new selections, is likely to be dropped from the thirteen chosen for Australia. The other newcomer, however, L. P. O'Brien (Victoria), is likely to open the innings with Woodfull in place of Ponsford, who will probably be twelfth man.

ENCOURAGING FOR ENGLAND.

Australia cannot obtain much satisfaction from the performances this year of their leading batsmen on the Melbourne wicket. Woodfull and Bradman, her two best batsmen, failed completely here when playing for an Australian XI. against the M.C.C.

Larwood, it will be remembered, got Bradman's wicket in each innings, getting him "leg-before" for 36 in the first innings and clean bowling him for 13 in the second. Larwood also dismissed Woodfull in the second innings for a "duck," Duckworth making a brilliant catch behind the wicket. In the first innings Woodfull was out leg-before-wicket to Bowes for 18.

In that match Larwood bowled at his very best, and took 4 for 54 and 2 for 5. Fresh from his triumphs at Sydney in the first Test, he should again be the Australians' *bête noir*.

HAMMOND'S LUCKY GROUND.

Melbourne is a happy hunting ground for Hammond. It was here that he scored 200 for A. P. F. Chapman's team in the third Test of the 1928-29 series, won by England by three wickets, while, only last month, Hammond scored 203 against Victoria.

Of the 28 Tests played here, Australia have won 14 to England's 12, while two have been drawn. Australia won the last one played on this ground by five wickets in the 1928-29 series.

The Melbourne wicket is notorious for its tricks in the hour and a half before lunch. This is owing to the sun blazing down on a pitch usually heavy with dew. If rain falls, the wicket is one of the worst in the world—from a batsman's point of view.

VOTE FOR INSURANCE.

WHITE FLAG FANCIED FOR THE DIDCOT HURDLE.

THE Newbury Executive have always tried to frame their programme on popular lines, and to-day the Reading Steeplechase should prove a big draw, as this is the race chosen for the *début* of Insurance over fences, and he will be opposed by such as Somnus, Golden Square, and Little Blackbird.

Insurance was generally regarded last season as the champion hurdler, and I think that he will make as good a 'chaser. He jumps well, and looks the right type to succeed over the bigger obstacles up to two miles, but over longer distances it may be found that Insurance is short of stamina. It was in this race last year that Briscoe introduced Golden Miller to fencing, and he must be more than hopeful of securing the prize for the second year in succession.

One of Insurance's most dangerous opponents will be Somnus, another Newmarket horse, who is trained by Earl. Somnus has been well schooled over fences, his trainer having ridden him on one or two occasions. If he does fail, it will not be for lack of jumping ability. Golden Square improves with every outing, and the fact that this horse runs for I. Anthony instead of Mulled Claret, a promising fencer, must not be overlooked. Little Blackbird may be the best of the remainder, and she must have a chance on the form against Discus at Hurst Park. Nevertheless, I regard Golden Square as the chief danger to

INSURANCE,

who has my vote.

Song of Essex is to carry top weight in the Didcot Handicap Hurdle, but I am afraid that Sir Hugh Nugent's horse is not so good as he was. His two recent failures have not shown him up in a favourable light, and on his form on this course at the beginning of the month, he is not sure to beat Wenceslas. Bob Stone can run either here or in the Reading Steeplechase, but he does not seem to have an outstanding chance in either event.

Residue has won over fences and hurdles recently, and he is at his best. Tees Head will improve, a remark that apples to White Flag, who is very much fancied here. White Flag finished second to Wenceslas last time out, and as he has now a substantial pull at the weights, he may be able to reverse the form. Rivalry and Telegraphic are worthy of a favourable note, and I like the claims of St. Mark in what should be a good race. However, I shall support

WHITE FLAG.

The two outstanding novice hurdlers of this season have been Indian Salmon and Nest Egg, and the latter is to run in the Juvenile Hurdle. Among his opponents I note Max, who ran Nest Egg to half a length at Lingfield. Max now meets Nightingall's charge on much better terms, and I shall not be surprised if the form is upset. Wellington will make them all go the full distance, and The Spider should show some improvement. Holmwood is fit, but

MAX

must stand for me.

CHELTENHAM RESULTS.

1.0—**WINCHCOMBE (S.) HANDICAP 'CHASE** of 110 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. R. C. Symonds's bl. g. BALLYSPINNER, by Royal Weaver—Ballinamona, a, 11-7 Mr. R. Symonds 1
Mr. C. A. Lundy's MELRUSH, a, 12-2 T. F. Morgan 2
Mr. J. Pendarves's ROSECOMB, a, 11-3 F. Maxwell 3

Also ran—Growler (E. Foster), Spanish Thorn (J. Ward). (Winner trained privately.)

Betting—15 to 8 each agst. Melrush and BALLYSPINNER, 7 to 2 Rosecomb, 100 to 8 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 5/3; places, 2/9, 2/9.

Won by twenty lengths; a bad third. Winner sold to Mr. F. W. Romney for 145 gns.

1.30—**TETBURY (S.) HURDLE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. E. Davis's br. g. CHIPS, by Pomme-de-Terre—Ayah, 4, 11-5 J. Moloney 1
Capt. R. Vivian's PRINCE GROSVENOR, 5, 11-5 N. Hine 2
Mr. R. J. Ratcliff's NORMAN INVADER, 3, 9-9 J. Prendergast 3

Also ran—Rattlin the Reefer (Owner), The Tyke (G. Hardy), The Undiscovered (E. Foster), Lord Puttenden (Mr. G. Wood), Essex Beacon (R. Thrale), Squarcia (Mr. T. Walls, jun.), Sky-Writer (H. Weber), Pard (A. Goswell), Wild Thyme (D. Williams), Don't Like Him (K. Piggott), Cleadsmose (G. Wilson). (Winner trained by Roberts.)

Betting—7 to 2 each agst. CHIPS and Rattlin the Reefer, 5 to 1 The Tyke, 11 to 2 Essex Beacon, 6 to 1 Wild Thyme, 7 to 1 Norman Invader, 100 to 6 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 6/-; places, 3/9, 44/-, 8/3.

Won by four lengths; two lengths. Winner bought in for 120 gns.

2.0—**STAYERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE** of 300 sovs. 4 m.

Mr. G. P. Shakerley's ch. m. SOCIETY, by Senning—Highland Princess, 6, 10-9 Mr. G. Shakerley 1
Marquis de San-Miguel's THE ACE II., a, 11-0 G. Wilson 2
Capt. J. W. Bridges's VINICOLE, a, 12-6 D. Morgan 3

Also ran—Robin-a-Tiptoe (Mr. F. Furlong), Wretham (W. Stott), Egremont (Mr. E. Paget), Rock Hill II. (W. Parvin), Swan of Avon (Mr. S. Maundrell), Snob (E. Maxwell), Dream of Fortune (V. Cross). (Winner trained by F. A. Brown.)

Betting—13 to 8 agst. Egremont, 5 to 1 Wretham, 6 to 1 each Vinicole and Snob, 8 to 1 each Rock Hill II. and The Ace II., 10 to 1 Robin-a-Tiptoe, 100 to 7 SOCIETY, 100 to 6 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 52/6; places, 9/6, 5/6, 9/-.

THE RACE.

The Ace II. showed the way to Rock Hill II., Egremont, Snob, Society and Swan of Avon. The last-named fell at the stands fence, where Rock Hill II. went on from The Ace II., Snob, Society, Vinicole and Wretham. On the second circuit Rock Hill II. fell, and after two miles The Ace II. was leading from Society, Vinicole, Egremont, and Dream of Fortune. Robin a Tiptoe fell, and after being remounted was pulled up. Snob fell next, and Wretham and Egremont came down at the water jump, while Dream of Fortune came to grief at the next fence. This left Society in front of The Ace II. and Vinicole, and drawing away Society made the rest of the running to win easily by eight lengths; ten lengths separated second and third. Only three finished. Time—9 mins. 31 4-5 secs.

2.30—**ROSS HANDICAP HURDLE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. C. C. Williams's br. m. CALDEY LIGHT, by Hapsburg—Fins, 6, 11-2 W. Speck 1
Wing-Commander W. Read's LION COURAGE, 4, 11-3 F. Gurney 2
Mr. H. Deterding's LONGMYND LAD, 5, 11-10 Owner 3

Also ran—Magic Moon (D. Morgan), Longabrown (W. Kidney), Prince Noir (J. Moloney), Back Isle II. (R. Mason), The Urchin (J. Hamey). (Winner trained by D. Harrison.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. CALDEY LIGHT, 9 to 2 each Prince Noir and Lion Courage, 7 to 1 Magic Moon, 8 to 1 The Urchin, 10 to 1 Longmynd Lad, 100 to 7 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 4/-; places, 2/6, 3/3, 6/3.

Won by four lengths; three lengths.

3.0—**LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE** of 200 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. G. Elliott's br. m. LADY CLARION, by Clarion—Millbrook Fancy, 5, 10-13 Owner 1
Mr. J. E. Snow's DELAFERME, 6, 10-11 J. Moloney 2
Mr. J. C. Edmunds's WADI HALFA, a, 11-9 J. Farrell 3

Also ran—Yellow Oriel (Mr. E. Williams), Reynoldstown (Mr. F. Walwyn), Vive l'Amour (Mr. G. Bostwick), General Crack (J. Hamey), Silver Vic (A. Turnell), Bill Shakespeare (E. Foster), Faithful Garry (G. Wilson). (Winner trained by Wright.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Faithful Garry, 3 to 1 Delaferme, 6 to 1 Vive l'Amour, 8 to 1 General Crack, 10 to 1 each Yellow Oriel and Reynoldstown, 100 to 7 LADY CLARION or any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 86/3; places, 18/9, 4/6, 11/3.

Won by five lengths; a bad third. Silver Vic was fourth and Bill Shakespeare was the only other to finish.

3.30—**FAIRFORD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE** of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. A. J. Bridgman's ch. g. CAPTAIN GINGER, by Main Royal—Finger Bowl, 3, 10-0 G. Flippance 1
Miss B. Jameson's JAWBREAKER, 4, 11-10 J. Hamey 2
Mr. F. W. Dennis's D'EYNCOURT, 4, 11-10 W. Parvin 3

Also ran:—Decorum (G. Hardy), Briscoe (Mr. F. Furlong), Gay Amour (H. Weber), Batt of Traf (D. Butchers), Black Grape (Mr. P. Herbert), Man of Property (A. Furnice), Haytor (R. Read), Black Jake (G. Goswell), T.D. (W. Stott), Santick (Mr. Payne-Gallwey), Lady Mede (E. Brown), Pompee (F. Gurney). (Winner trained by E. Harper.)

Betting—7 to 2 agst. Batt of Traf, 5 to 1 each T.D., Decorum and Jawbreaker, 7 to 1 each Briscoe and Pompee, 20 to 1 CAPTAIN GINGER or any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 59/9; places, 11/6, 4/3, 11/9.

Won by one length; four lengths.

TOTE DOUBLE (10/- stake)—Society and Lady Clarion. No one was successful in backing the double. Backers of Society received £8 6/-. Forty one winning tickets. Pool, £380.

EGYPTIAN FOUR-YEAR-OLD FOR KILDANGAN.

The four-year-old colt, Paper Chase, owned by Sir Percy Loraine, High Commissioner for Egypt, has been sent from Cairo to Ireland to be trained for his engagements by R. More O'Ferrall at Kildangan, Co. Kildare.

Paper Chase has raced in Egypt with considerable success during the past two seasons, and it is anticipated that the experiment of bringing him back from Egypt to run in Ireland will be as successful as it was in the case of Hypostyle, who, after racing in Egypt, was sent to England and was successful in the Manchester November Handicap.

NO TOTE FOR THE HILL AT EPSOM.

It is reported that there has been a hitch in negotiations between the Racecourse Betting Control Board and the Epsom Grand Stand Association with regard to extension of Totalisator facilities at Epsom.

It was suggested that a Totalisator should be erected on the hill on the opposite side of the course to the grand stand, but the feeling of the Epsom authorities is understood to be against such an extension. It is argued that a Totalisator on that part of the course, which is free to visitors, would be detrimental to the revenue derived from the meeting, as it is considered likely that many of the people who at present pay to go into the enclosures would take advantage of being able to see the racing free of charge, while having the opportunity of betting with the Totalisator.

The Racecourse Betting Control Board states that there has been no official request to the Epsom racing authorities in regard to a Totalisator on the side of the course which is opposite to the stands. The matter has been under consideration, but there is no question of a deadlock arising between the Board and the company.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Stayers' 'Chase, Cheltenham—Dream Ship.
Didcot Hurdle, Newbury—Brave Cry.
Victory Hurdle, Manchester—Free Fare.
Newbury December engagements—Saucy Boy, Castletown, and Aspirant.
All engagements in Major H. T. Barclay's name—Logiewood.
All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Papireto.
All engagements—Miskodeed (dead).

SPORTING GOSSIP.

My Kate and Mislaid Sold.

Our Curragh correspondent states that Mr. H. M. Hartigan has sold his two-year-olds, My Kate and Mislaid, to Mr. W. J. Hilliard for export. My Kate, a chestnut filly, by My Ronald—Queer Kate, was successful four times in Ireland last season, whilst Mislaid, who is a brown filly, by Apron out of Tiger Woman, included the valuable Park Selling Plate in her several wins.

Totalisator Double Unbacked.

At Cheltenham yesterday outsiders in Society and Lady Clarion, respectively, won the races which formed the tote double, and no one included the last-named as a selection. Backers of Society received £8 6s. for each 10s. stake.

Grand National Entries.

The entries for the Grand National Steeplechase and other important races will appear in next Thursday's *Racing Calendar*.

Change of Quarters.

Tom Fool, a four years old horse, by Oojah out of Gesture, has left Lambourn for Bury.

Racehorse Killed.

Skywriter broke his neck, and was killed when he fell in the Tetbury Selling Hurdle Race at Cheltenham yesterday.

Amateur Rider Injured.

Mr. F. Walwyn, who rode Reynoldstown in the Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase at Cheltenham yesterday, received slight concussion when the horse fell, and he will be unable to ride for about a fortnight.

Captain P. Whitaker's Stables.

Captain Percy Whitaker will train in future at Paddock Cottage, Newmarket. Primrose Cottage, to which it was reported he would go, is still occupied by Fred Leader.

Gone Away Sold.

Gone Away, a nine-year-old gelding, by Braxted out of Merry Vixen, was sold at Cheltenham yesterday to Mr. P. Cazalet for 13 guineas.

BILLIARDS

LINDRUM GOES AHEAD.

Lindrum overhauled Davis during the afternoon at Blackpool, yesterday, and at the interval he was 19 points ahead. The balls were changed after Lindrum had made three fruitless visits to the table, and then the Australian showed good form, with breaks of 265, 325 and 138. He scored 802 and averaged 61; while Davis, who had breaks of 137 (full), 161, 144 and 171, totalled 556 and averaged 39.

Lindrum improved his position in the evening session, when he scored 933 for an average of 155, against Davis's 742 and 148 respectively. Lindrum's chief breaks were 379, 288 and 230; while Davis had runs of 452, and played out time with 250 unfinished. Closing scores:—Lindrum, 7,986; Davis (receives 3,000) (in play), 7,778.

ANGLING.

CHRISTMAS MATCHES IN THE NORTH.

By permission of Captain Kinnaird, manager of the Foyle and Bann Fishery Company, two of the Belfast clubs fished Toome Canal on St. Stephen's Day. The judge was Mr. V. B. Gross, president of the Ulster Angling Federation. Three hours' hard fishing by the North-East Ulster Club resulted in the judge being acclaimed the winner by the competitors, to which he submitted, his catch being 21 perch. The other winners were:—Messrs. S. Loyal, 2nd; T. Johnston, 3rd; J. Nixon, 4th; H. Wilson, 5th; J. Watson, 6th; G. Adams, 7th; W. Wright, 8th. The consolation prize went to D. Adams.

The other club was the Belfast Sea Anglers. Mr. R. Murphy, senior vice-president, was captain, and a start was made by thirty rods at 10 o'clock, and at 1.30 the competition closed. Messrs. T. M'Clean and J. Keating were the judges, and they made the following awards:—Messrs. William Parvin (sen.), 1st prize, 13 fish; W. J. M'Cann, 2nd, 11; R. Murphy, 3rd, 7; William Gordon, 4th, 6. Fifty in all were killed.

FROM THE HUNTING FIELDS.

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

THE longest run of the season took place from The Hatchet meet on Wednesday, when a Ward stag invaded Kildare and ran them out of scent and daylight in Knockanally bog, twenty-five miles from home. The enlargement took place at Jenkinstown, from where the pack got a flying start through Jenkinstown bog, and ran by Mulhussey and Kilton's Gap for Moyglare, with a long lead of the field. The chase went on by Rodanstown and Brideswell into the Royal Canal at Kilcock, where the stag took a refresher and gave a welcome check. Leaving this on the Kildare side by Fern's Lock, the hunt went at a furious pace by Ballymakill and Ballycaghan almost to Cooltrim covert, and swung to the right by Donadea into Knockanally bog. They crossed the Blackwater river into the midst of bog, and bother and progress being slow, the pack being called off when further pursuit was hopeless, a ten mile point was covered.

QUEEN'S CO. HOUNDS.

This pack met at Bawnogue Cross-roads on Friday, December 23rd. It was still blowing hard after a night of storm and rain, but the weather improved later on and they had a capital day's sport.

Lennon's was the first draw. It was a long time before a fox could be got to face the open, but eventually one went away by Rahanavarran and over the Green Hill towards Spink, close to which hounds marked to ground in a rabbit hole, 15 minutes. After drawing Derryfore and McEvoy's glen at Craiguenahown blank, hounds found in Bourke's furze at Aughnacross. Scent had greatly improved since morning and they were able to run hard from the start. The fox went away straight up the hill, turned to his left at the top and ran over Knockardighur to Craiguenahown. Wheeling left-handed again hounds kept along the face of the hill below Cooper's Buildings, then turned down pointing for Dysart. Before reaching it the fox turned up again and went back to where he was found, time to this 35 minutes. After some time twisting about the numerous glens on Aughnacross hounds had another ring over Knockardighur back to Aughnacross. They then ran straight to Booleybawn, and crossing the road near the bridge over the Owenbeg river, kept on to Knockboot covert. They soon had him out of this, and ran down to Dysart Galen, making a left-handed ring back through Knockboot, and marked to ground in a rabbit hole when pointing for Sampson's Court. Time, one hour and fifty minutes, during which hounds were never touched. They hunted beautifully over a difficult country, intersected with deep ravines and swollen streams. It was the first decent scent they have had since the beginning of November, and they took full advantage of it.

BALLYMACAD HOUNDS.

Crossdrum—Tuesday. A foggy morning cleared up into a lovely day, when we had the largest meet of the season, including a great number of young people home for the holidays. Crossdrum and Kilroy's were blank, and just as hounds had left the gorse a fox was viewed coming into it. Hounds were quickly on to his trail, and ran as if for Crossdrum, wheeling by Crowpark into the bog wood of Baltrasna, where two foxes were marked to ground. Mr. Tormay's gorse was next drawn, and held at least two foxes, and after being headed a couple of times, the hunted one went on by Ballymacad to Killeigh Church, where he was lost. Baltrasna road wood was next drawn, and after some covert hunting a fox broke over the road at the avenue gate, and ran as if for the house, then wheeled left-handed and ran very hard as if for Moylough. Then wheeling right-handed across the Murrens, he went into Annagh, and running down the long wood, he crossed the Castlepollard road as if for Milltown, but, keeping right-handed, ran into the hills at Ballymanus, where hounds were stopped after a very nice hunt of 55 minutes, a five-mile point, and a good bit more as hounds ran.

NENAGH HARRIERS.

The above title is a misnomer, as this pack invariably hunts the fox and not the hare. During the season they have had excellent sport. Foxes were plentiful; scent, on the whole, good, and these features, coupled with the popularity of the Master (General Koe), have assured that all and sundry who can raise a mount turn out as often as possible, the women being conspicuous in numbers and in well-judged, fearless riding.

For the past three years Ballycommon Cross has been the popular venue on St. Stephen's Day. A field of 45 mounted on horse or pony, a large contingent on cycles, numerous motor cars and a crowd of pedestrians assembled at the meet on Monday. Mr. Edward Meara's (than whom there is no more sporting farmer in North Tipperary) gorse was the first draw. A fox was at home. He was very reluctant to leave, with the result that he had more than one escape. He eventually broke, and headed as if for Monsea and Cranagh, but, wheeling right-handed twice, he skirted the edge of the covert in which he was found, and then on to Richmond, through the demesne and out at the Nenagh end. There he turned left-handed; thence on by Rockfort, through Myroe, as if for Knigh or Ashly Park, but, turning to the right and crossing the Nenagh-Borrisokane road, he passed through Brookwatson and got to ground in an open burrow close to the river. It was not a long hunt, but it was a good one. There was plenty of stiff jumping and many saddles were emptied.

A jog of some three miles and the pack was thrown into the gorse covert at Carrig Hill. A fox was away at once with hounds on his back. He made a bee-line to Hogan's Pass, through the cover and out without any delay, crossing the road into Tullamore Park. On he went for Kilcoleman, but instead of crossing the boundary road he turned left about as if headed, and down past Tullamore House, through Boulageela and to Rockfort. Here he was lost; scent appeared to have failed. This hunt covered about seven miles. The pace was very fast, with only one slight check. Hounds, horses and riders had enough, and so ended St. Stephen's Day with this game little pack.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 31st	Palmerstown	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Laracor Cross-roads	11.0
Saturday, 31st	Killua Castle	11.0

THE KILDARE.

Saturday, 31st	Rathcoole	11.0

WATERFORD HOUNDS. — January—Tuesday, 3rd, Gardenmerris; Thursday, 5th, Ballinamona; Saturday, 7th, Ballyduff; Tuesday, 10th, Mount Congreve; Wednesday, 11th, Ballyvooney; Saturday, 14th, Dunhill. At 11 o'clock.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS.—Change of Meet—These hounds will meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock at Third Lock, Inchicore, instead of Kingswood.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—January—Tuesday, 3rd, Fieldstown Bridge; Saturday, 7th, Elmgrove; Tuesday, 10th, 7th Milestone; Friday, 13th, Herbertstown House; Tuesday, 17th, St. Margaret's; Friday, 20th, Malahow; Tuesday, 24th, Chapelmidway; Friday, 27th, Naul; Tuesday, 31st, The Boot. At 12 o'clock.

WESTMEATH HOUNDS— January —Tuesday, 3rd, Crookedwood; Saturday, 7th, Castletown Cross-roads; Monday, 9th, Mullingar; Wednesday, 11th, Lisnabin; Friday, 13th, Killare Cross-roads; Tuesday, 17th, Gaybrook; Friday, 20th, Streamstown; Monday, 23rd, Belmont; Wednesday, 25th, Drumcree; Friday, 27th, Meanescourt; Tuesday, 31st, Killynon. At 11 o'clock.

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LAWN TENNIS.

ALL-FRENCH FINAL IN PARIS.

AMERICAN PLAYERS DEFEATED.

PARIS, Thursday.

An all-French final will be witnessed in the Men's Singles of the Christmas Tournament here, as the result of to-day's semi-final matches. In the first semi-final Pierre Landry defeated the young American player, David Jones, a conqueror of Fred. Perry in America, by 6-4, 6-4; while in the other semi-final Marcel Bernard defeated another American, C. L. Burwell, 6-0, 6-0. Both Jones and Burwell are up at Cambridge University. F. J. Perry, who is now in South Africa, is the holder of the title.

The last Englishman in the tournament, D. G. Freshwater, was beaten for a place in the quarter-finals by Andre Merlin, who was beaten by Pierre Landry, 6-0, 6-4. In the other quarter-finals Bernard beat Goldschmidt 7-5, 6-3, Jones beat Lesueur 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, and Burwell beat Rado, of Italy, 6-2, 6-1.

There was an excellent match in the quarter-finals of the Men's Doubles. The two veteran Frenchmen, Landry and Thurneyssen, who have played as a doubles team for some time, could not withstand the Cannon-ball services of David Jones, who, in partnership with Burwell, defeated them by 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

AUSTRALIA MAKES TWO CHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following players have been chosen to represent Australia in the third Test match against America, which begins at Adelaide on Saturday and is continued on Monday and Tuesday:—J. Crawford (New South Wales), H. O. Hopman (Victoria), E. F. Moon (Queensland), Adrian Quist (South Australia). Reserve—D. P. Turnbull (South Australia).

There are two changes from the side which was recently beaten in the second Test match by 8 matches to 4. C. Sproule has been dropped, and Vivian McGrath is unavailable. E. F. Moon, who played in the first Test, which Australia also lost, has been brought back again. Adrian Quist is a newcomer of whom great things are expected, although he was not ranked in Australia's first ten last year. He is only nineteen years of age, but he shows remarkable promise. Recently he won the City of Adelaide Championship, beating in the final Don Turnbull, another youngster, who has been chosen as reserve.

The value of Quist's win may be appreciated when one considers that Turnbull has a recent victory over McGrath to his credit. Australia is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the Davis Cup in a few years, with a brilliant trio such as are McGrath, Quist and Turnbull.

HOCKEY.

THE FINAL TRIAL.

The above match will be played next Wednesday at Londonbridge road, at 2.30. Teams:—

Whites—C. Gibson (Kingstown Grammar School); M. O'Donoghue (Railway Union), P. Dolan (Pembroke Wanderers); D. Coulson (Avoca School), E. Boyd (Three Rock Rovers), L. McMullen (Pembroke Wanderers); R. Leonard (Three Rock Rovers), C. Sully, V. Sully (Railway Union), C. Little (Pembroke Wanderers), T. G. McVeagh (Three Rock Rovers).

Colours—G. Kenay (Three Rock Rovers); J. Doran (Railway Union), J. Craig (Avoca School); J. Johnston (Railway Union), J. Jenkins (Kingstown Grammar School), J. Pigot (Three Rock Rovers); T. Browner (Railway Union), R. Martin (Pembroke Wanderers), J. McDonogh (Avoca School), H. Knight, W. Hennessy (Railway Union).

LEINSTER BRANCH I.H.U.

The monthly branch Council meeting will be held on Wednesday next at 8 Merrion row, at 7.30. The Selection Committee will meet at 6.30 to select the team to play Munster.

CUP ENTRIES.

Entries and fees for the Mills', Railway, Intermediate, Minor and Schools' Cups, must reach Mr. J. H. Ross, 7 Mount Temple terrace, Dartry road, not later than 1st January.

RAILWAY UNION H.C.

Full Committee meeting in the Pavilion on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

NEWLANDS.

Sunday—18 holes, strokes; Classes A, B, and C; sealed handicaps for Class C.

DONABATE.

Saturday—Medal, 9 holes (1 to 9), strokes; arrange partners.

SKERRIES.

Medal—J. F. Owens (3), 3 up. Fourball (December 27th)—W. J. Towell (6), J. S. Griffin (12), 6 up; F. G. Hyder (9), E. Graham (6), 2 up; E. Montgomery (15), J. Landy (15), 2 up; J. F. Owens (3), G. H. Owens (3) 2 up.

MALAHIDE.

Fourball—(1) A. Adams and W. T. Golden, 1 up; (2) J. O'Neill and T. A. Butler, 4 up.

CARLOW.

18 holes (December 26th)—R. P. Gough (14), 74 nett; P. B. Tynan (16), 75 nett. Fourball (December 27th)—W. Mulhall (14), L. McDonnell (9), 8 up; J. O. Smith (6), Rev. J. C. Nelson (11), 5 up.

CASTLE.

Ladies' Branch (December 26th)—Morning sweepstakes—Miss P. Seaman 42¼, Miss Denton 42¼. January 2nd—Competition, draws at 10.30, 11.0, 1.30, 2.0.

CO. LOUTH.

9-hole competition—P. J. Kelly (10½), 35½; Rev. P. Usher (8), 37; P. L. Cooney (8½), 38½. Men's fourball—M. Kearney (8) and K. Allen (15), 2 up; A. Donnelly and P. L. Cooney tied with Rev. P. Usher and A. Hyland for second, with all square. Scotch foursomes—K. Allen and P. L. Cooney (13), 73; W. P. Allen and J. Flanagan (12½), 78½.

TABLE TENNIS.

IRISH FREE STATE TEAM.

At the request of the English Table Tennis Association the tour of the Irish Free State team in England, which was to have taken place next week, has been postponed to the end of January. Matches will then be played, on dates not yet definitely arranged, against All-India at London and England at Liverpool.

The Irish Free State team has been selected as follows:—

Against India—J. Drum (Castle) (capt.), J. Paton (City of Dublin Y.M.C.A.), C. A. Kemp (Acme), E. Smith (Optimists). Substitutes—H. Macdougald (Paragon), D. Hennessey (Leinster).

The same team will play against England, with the addition of Miss D. Pemberton (Excelsior) and Miss E. McMahon (Nomads), with Miss Healy (Howth) as substitute.

LACROSSE.

LADY HARTY CUP TOURNAMENT.

A CLOSE FINISH AFTER FIVE HOURS' PLAY.

THE fifth American tournament for the Lady Harty Cup took place yesterday on the Leinster Cricket ground, Rathmines. Five teams, named after vegetables, took part in ten matches, the time occupied being close on five and a half hours.

The winners were Brussels Sprouts, captained by Miss J. Dunlop, who totalled 18 goals, Turnips, captained by Miss D. Griffith, being second with 14; Onions and Artichokes tied with 13 goals for third; Cauliflowers, with 10, were fifth. The principal scorers were—Misses P. French, 8; C. McFetridge, 7; N. Weir, 6; D. Kennedy and P. Munroe, 5 each.

Previous winners were—1928-29, Miss M. Leonard; 1929-30, Miss H. Lombard; 1930-31, Miss B. Chance; 1931-32, Miss B. Chance.

Pioneers will play two matches against English Rovers at the Leinster ground on Monday and Tuesday next, and are sending two strong sides for the Irish Trials at Belfast next week-end, while they will have a visit from the Belfast Ladies for the return match in February.

Brussels Sprouts (Misses Joy, Barlee and Kennedy), 3; Onions (Misses J. Lombard, Delap and Meares), 3.

Turnips (Misses E. French (2), Scott, H. Griffith), 4; Artichokes (Misses P. French and S. Dunlop), 2.

Cauliflowers (Misses P. French (3), M. Leonard, B. Chance, Mrs. Farrington), 6; Brussels Sprouts (Misses N. Kennedy, J. Lombard, N. Weir), 3.

Turnips (Mrs. Farrington (2), Miss D. Griffith), 3; Onions (Misses McFetridge and Adam), 2.

Brussels Sprouts (Misses N. Weir (3), J. Dunlop, D. Kennedy (2), J. Lombard), 7; Artichokes (Miss S. Dunlop), 1.

Onions (Misses McFetridge (3), Meares and Lefroy), 4; Cauliflowers, 0.

Brussels Sprouts (Misses D. Kennedy (3), N. Weir and B. Mitchell), 5; Turnips (Mrs. Farrington (2) and Miss E. French), 3.

Artichokes (Misses Munroe (3), P. French (2), and S. Dunlop), 6; Cauliflowers (Miss Coddington), 1.

Onions (Misses Adam (2), McFetridge (2), 4; Artichokes (Misses P. Munroe (3) and Miss P. French), 4.

Turnips (Miss H. Griffith (3) and Miss D. Griffith, 4; Cauliflowers (Miss Coddington (3), 3.

The teams were:—

Brussels Sprouts—Misses P. Stokes, R. Mayne, J. Barlee, B. Craig, P. McFetridge, J. Dunlop (capt.), B. Mitchell, J. Lombard, N. Kennedy, N. Weir.

Onions—Misses A. Burgess, J. Stokes (capt.), R. Weir, D. O'Neill, P. Woods, E. Meares, H. Griffith, J. Adam, C. McFetridge, P. Tallon, M. Delap.

Turnips—Misses Rutherford, M. Dorman, N. Batchen, B. Scott, D. Kennedy, M. Gamble, G. Moore, M. Turbett, D. Griffith (capt.), E. French, P. Lefroy and Mrs. Farrington.

Artichokes—Misses E. Goodbody, M. Nesbitt, D. Thompson, A. Longworth-Dames, P. Thompson, N. Meldon (capt.), S. Dunlop, J. O'Neill, P. French, McCormack and P. Munroe.

Cauliflowers—Misses M. Meldon, S. Harvey, B. Thompson, M. Leonard, B. Chance (capt.), N. Franks, D. Coddington, Mrs. Boyd, Misses French, Dames and O'Neill.

THE IRISH TRIALS.

The Pioneers are sending the following teams to the Irish Trials at Belfast next Friday and Saturday, after which the selectors (Miss Newbold, Mrs. Sinclair and Miss Leonard) will pick the Irish team.

Pioneers "A"—Misses Goodbody, J. Dunlop, J. Stokes, N. Meldon (capt.), B. Scott, A. L. Dames, Meares, J. Adam, H. Griffith, M. Coddington, N. Kennedy, D. Kennedy.

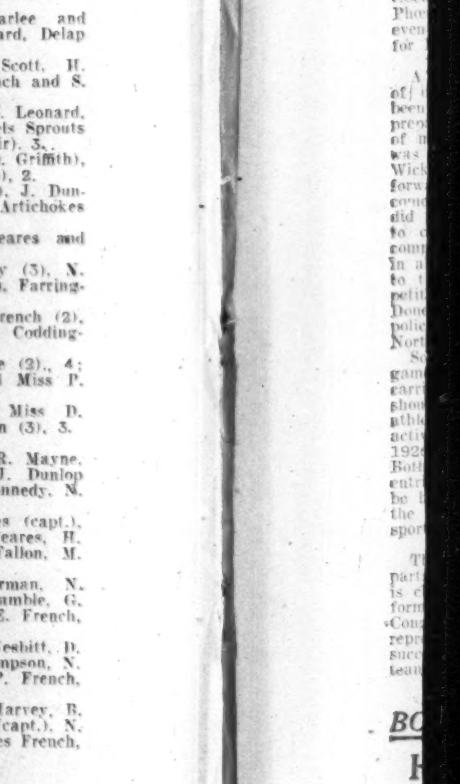
Pioneers "B"—Misses B. Thompson, M. Meldon, Rutherford, Barlee, B. Craig, M. Pringle, M. Gamble, J. Lombard, S. Dunlop, P. French, P. Munroe, J. Rotheram (capt.).

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

OPTIMISTS' GOOD WIN.

OPTIMISTS .... 5 OLD COLLEGE 1

Yesterday, at Sydney Parade, Old College were weakly represented. Mrs. Gosset (2), Miss O'Mahony (2) and Miss Foster scored for Optimists; Miss Maddocks for Old College.



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Irish Times	Strumlever.	Spectroscope.*	Insurance.	White Flag.	Primrose Knight.	Max.
Galtee More	—	—	Insurance.	—	Gay Devil.	Nest Egg.
S. Life & Sportsman	Socrates.	Spectroscope; Norman Abbot pl.	Kilcash Hill.	Wenceles; Passado pl.	Gay Devil.	The Spider.*
Man on the Spot	East Africa.	Spectroscope.	Insurance.*	Song of Essex.	Gay Devil.	Wellington.
Daily Sketch	Martian; if ab., Peter Murray.	Spectroscope; if ab., Roi des Enfers.	Insurance.	Song of Essex.*	Ferrans; if ab., Gay Devil.	Alley; if ab., Marvellous.
Star	Martian; Rock Bottom pl.	Spectroscope; Mr. Flim pl.	Insurance; Kilcash Hill pl.	White Flag;* Ballyhalbert pl.	Gay Devil; Ferrans pl.	Result; Marvellous pl.
Evening News	Martian.	Spectroscope.	Kilcash Hill.*	Quarter Sessions.*	Ferrans.	Nest Egg.
Evening Standard	Golsoncott.	Spectroscope.	Insurance.	Rivalry.	Gay Devil.	Marvellous.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FINAL WELSH TRIAL.

TWO NEW FULL-BACKS TO BE TESTED.

The teams for the final Welsh trial, to be played at Swansea on January 7th, were announced yesterday evening. Several changes have been made from the teams that took part in the last trial. Perhaps, the biggest surprise is that two new full-backs have been selected, and that W. C. Powell is omitted. The back division of the Probables has been remodelled. Seven of the Possibles fifteen have not previously taken part in a trial match.

The teams are:—

PROBABLES—W. Everson (Newport); R. Boon (Cardiff), Frank Williams (Cardiff and Headingley), Graham Jones (Cardiff), and A. H. Jones (Cardiff); Bryn Evans (Swansea), R. Ralph (Newport); A. Skym (Cardiff), I. Wright (Treorchy), T. Day (Swansea), E. M. N. Jenkins (Aberavon), D. Thomas (Swansea), Watcyn Thomas (Swansea and Sale), I. Isaacs (Cardiff), and K. Salmon (Cross Keys).

POSSIBLES—V. G. J. Jenkins (Oxford University and Bridgend); Ray Thomas (London Welsh), L. J. Harris (The Army), W. Wooler (Colwyn Bay), C. Mathews (Bridgend); M. J. Turnbull (Cardiff), H. M. Bowcott (London Welsh and Cardiff); Edgar Jones (Llanelly), Bryn Evans (Llanelly), E. Ridgway (Aberavon), R. B. Jones (Cambridge University), J. R. Evans (Newport), Ken Jones (Monmouth), A. Davies (Mountain Ash), and T. Arthur (Neath).

INTER-BANKS' CUP.

THE DRAW.

FIRST ROUND.

(A) Provincial v. Bank of Ireland.
(B) Hibernian a bye.
(C) Munster and Leinster v. National (holders).
(D) Ulster v. Royal.

SEMI-FINALS.

(E) Winners of (A) v. (B).
(F) Winners of (C) v. winners of (D).

FINAL.

Winners of (E) v. winners of (F).

Lansdowne 3rd "A" require home matches for January 7th, 21st, and February 4th; and away matches for January 14th, 28th, and February 18th. Reply to E. Carthew, 2 Sloan terrace, Meath road, Bray.

WANDERERS XV. TO PLAY WATERLOO.

The following will represent Wanderers against Waterloo at Lansdowne road next Saturday:—E. Willis; A. C. Preston, F. W. Williamson, J. Commiskey, J. Miles; P. F. Murray, E. C. Ridgeway; J. D. Clinch, T. Crean, J. Camp, C. R. Graves, F. C. Jackson, W. J. McCormick, N. B. Smellie, C. O'N. Wallis.

SCHOOLBOYS' TEAMS.

Monkstown—B. S. Hayes; C. MacDonald, E. F. Browne, G. Brannagan; J. Brannagan, C. Dempsey; K. C. Dempsey, R. P. Tanham, B. Victory, T. Salmon, E. P. Collins, J. Floyd, J. E. Leveroni, A. E. Banville, G. Smyth, F. Millar, A. P. Dowse, C. Millar, W. N. R. Millar.

Bective Rangers—K. Kelly; Cruise, Doyle, Kennedy; O'Farrell, Griffin; H. Murphy, D. Devoto, O'Dwyer, Aird, Cassells, McNeany, Burton, Hughes, Hennessy, Waters, M. Cleary.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Monkstown Schoolboys v. Wanderers' Schoolboys. Sydney Parade. 2.30.
Bective Rangers' Schoolboys v. Palmerston Schoolboys. Donnybrook.

TO-MORROW'S PRINCIPAL FIXTURES.

Wanderers v. Waterloo. Lansdowne road.
Monkstown v. Lansdowne. Sydney Parade.
Bective Rangers v. Old Wesley. Donnybrook.
Palmerston v. Clontarf. Clonskeagh.
University College v. Blackrock College. Terenure.

CAMOGUIDHEACHT.

SPREAD OF GAME IN IRELAND.

EIGHTEEN NEW TEAMS IN DUBLIN LEAGUE.

The close of the year 1932 marks the twenty-eighth year of the founding of camoguidheacht, which has now become so popular that teams are being organised in all parts of Ireland. At the beginning of the year the increase of teams in the Dublin League made necessary the formation of two grades in the Junior League, as well as sections for the schools and colleges.

There was an all round increase of eighteen teams as against the previous year. These were made up of Senior eight, Intermediate fourteen, Junior "A" ten and Junior "B" thirteen. This increase compares very favourably with the number affiliated in 1929, when there were ten in the Senior Grade and a similar number in the Junior. There was no Intermediate League, this being the second year of its existence. Owing to the Tailteann games and Eucharistic Congress all games had to be finished earlier than usual, but the Junior League was left over to the latter part of the year. The growth of the game in Dublin augurs well for its success in the provinces.

The lack of playing grounds is a constant source of trouble. Not only is this so far as the Association is concerned, but it prevents the teams from giving attention to practices, which is so essential if progress is to be maintained. The Phœnix Park is not accessible to all teams, and even though it were, the ground is always occupied for League games.

IN THE COUNTIES.

A real attempt was made to play off a series of inter-county games, for which a trophy had been secured some years ago. The few teams prepared to play were added to, and the work of making the series both useful and interesting was taken in hands. Kildare, Kilkenny, Wexford, Wicklow, Meath, Leix and Waterford each sent forward teams, and good displays were the outcome. Wexford are so far the only team that did not fill, and it is hoped to bring the tourney to completion in the early spring. Inter-county competitions apart, much progress has been made in all directions. Cork, though not yet affiliated to the Central body, has a regular league competition in being. Monaghan, Cavan, Armagh, Donegal, and other centres are pursuing the policy of making the game a lively affair in the North.

So much time had to be devoted to the actual game that the annual sports programme was not carried out this year. This is a matter that should receive attention, as in other years the athletic event was a feature of the Association's activities. The initial effort was brought off in 1926 at St. James's Park, and another in 1929. Both proved to be a pronounced success, and the entries were large and contests keen. It is to be hoped that a further attempt will be made in the forthcoming year to stage an "all ladies'" sports day.

ALL-IRELAND ASSOCIATION.

The fact that the game is being played in all parts of Ireland—North, South, East and West—is clear proof of the necessity that exists for the formation of an All-Ireland Association. At the Congress held early this year many counties were represented, as well as England. Good wishes for success were cabled from America, where nine teams are in active league work.

BOXING.

HOOD REFUSES TO FIGHT.

PURSE NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR CHAMPION.

The fight for the British welter-weight championship between Jack Hood, the holder of the Lonsdale Belt, and Stoker Reynolds, arranged by the British Boxing Board of Control, may not take place. Hood is not satisfied with the purse offer accepted by the Board for a fight in Birmingham next month, and he considers it inadequate.

"Mr Ted Salmon offered a purse of £500, with £50 to be shared as training expenses," he said. "That is insufficient. In the first place, how can a champion go through the necessary preparation on £25? Training costs are high. Then my share of the purse would be sixty per cent of the total, and I should not be satisfied with that.

"I was informed by the Board that they had accepted the purse offered by Mr. Salmon, but I did not give my assent, and unless the promoter offers better terms I shall not fight."

Hood explained that there were several large halls in Birmingham, his home town, capable of holding five and six thousand people, and he thought that from such a big gate there should be a higher purse.

WATSON CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

Seaman Watson, the British feather-weight champion, who jumped into fame when he defeated Nel Tarleton for the title last month, left Southampton yesterday for New York, on a quest for the world's championship, held by Kid Chocolate. Watson is to meet Chocolate at Madison Square Garden, New York, on January 27th, and he expressed his firm confidence in his ability to return with the title.

"I know quite well that I have a very big hurdle to jump," he said, "but I have never felt better in my life, and you can bet I shall do my very best."

Watson was accompanied by Mr. John Mortimer, who will manage Watson's affairs in America. Mr. Mortimer said that should Watson beat Chocolate there would be a return fight for the title, but that the second contest would not be staged until Watson had had an opportunity of returning to England. He also stated that Watson would receive a sum in excess of any paid a British boxer in an American contest.

PETERSEN'S NEW PUNCH.

Jack Petersen, the British heavy-weight champion, who will oppose Hans Schonrath, of Germany, in Cardiff, on Monday next, concluded his training in Cardiff yesterday. Petersen will enter the ring at 13st., the heaviest he has ever been. He had an hour's fast boxing, and showed that he has developed a left hook almost as powerful as his right.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

DUNDALK READY FOR DOLPHIN.

TO BE AT FULL STRENGTH FOR CUP TIE.

Dundalk will have their full eleven available for the Free State Cup game with Dolphin on Sunday next at Dundalk. Burke, the regular outside left, who was absent from the Shelbourne game owing to influenza, has recovered, and the fears that Clarke would be unfit are unfounded. Despite their failure against Shelbourne in the Shield, Dundalk are hopeful of winning against Dolphin in the Cup struggle.

In their League engagements Dundalk had easily the better of the encounters, winning both at home and away. The game at Dundalk between these sides was one of the best in the League season. Seven goals were scored, Dundalk getting five, of which two were from the penalty spot.

The Dundalk side against Dolphin will be:—Lewis; Clarke, McDiarmid; Patton, Duffy, Hirst; Carroll, Mitchell, Smith, McCourt and Burke.

IRISH CUP DRAW.

The draw for the first round of the Irish Cup was made last night as follows:—

Dunmurry v. Portadown.
Dunvilles v. Glentoran (holders).
Ballymena v. Cliftonville.
Newry Town v. Coleraine.
Distillery v. Ards.
Bangor v. Belfast Celtic.
Linfield v. Glenavon.
Larne v. Derry City.

To be played on January 14th.

AUSTRIAN CLUB TO VISIT SCOTLAND.

Mr. William Struth, manager of the Glasgow Rangers F.C., has arranged for the visit of an Austrian team to Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on January 21st. On that date Rangers, according to schedule, should have met Arbroath in the first round of the Scottish Cup, but the tie has been fixed to take place on the previous Wednesday.

The Austrian team to play in Scotland is known as the Sports Klub Rapid, from Vienna. Some idea as to the strength of the side is indicated by the fact that they have won the Austrian National Championship ten times, the Austrian Cup four times, and have once finished leaders of the Central European Championship.

WATERFORD V. BOHEMIANS.

An unusually large attendance is expected at Kilcohan Park on Sunday, when Waterford entertain Bohemians in the first round of the Free State Cup. The Waterford team will be: W. O'Neill; M. Keane, M. Hennessy; A. Hale, J. Hale, T. Hale; T. Scurry, J. Elliott, J. Walsh, W. Walsh, J. Kennedy.

Bohemians will rely on M. Morgan; A. Morris, W. McGuire; A. Morton, J. McMahon, J. Kirby; P. Ellis, W. Dennis, W. Cleary, A. Horlacher, J. O'Dempsey.

OBITUARY.

SIR ALEXANDER HENDRY.

Sir Alexander Hendry, of Ballater, Deeside, for many years Surgeon Apothecary to His Majesty's Household at Balmoral Castle, Deeside, died in Aberdeen yesterday. Sir Alexander, who was a native of Aberdeen and a graduate of Edinburgh University, spent all his professional life at Ballater, of which he was elected Provost a year ago. He was appointed medical attendant at Balmoral Castle in 1904, and six years later was made surgeon apothecary. Sir Alexander was knighted by the King while the Court was in residence at Balmoral last year, when he retired owing to ill-health.

THE HON. J. S. TREFUSIS.

Colonel the Hon. John Schomberg Trefusis, C.M.G., died yesterday at his home, Matford Vean, Exeter, aged 80. Colonel Trefusis, who was a son of the nineteenth Lord Clinton and uncle of the present peer, was a Deputy Lieutenant for Devonshire and a Justice of the Peace for Somerset.

Colonel Trefusis was educated at Eton, and for thirty years served in the 4th Devon Regiment. He was decorated for services in connection with the South African War. In 1883 he married a daughter of Mr. James Bontein, Gentleman Usher and Clerk of the Robes to Queen Victoria, and there are two sons and two daughters of the marriage.

DOCTOR B. McCAUL.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday evening while attending a patient at Magheracloone of Dr. Brian McCaul, Shirley House, Carrickmacross, a son of the late Mr. Bernard McCaul, merchant, and Clerk to the old Board of Guardians of Carrickmacross. Dr. McCaul succeeded his father-in-law, the late Dr. Daniel Joseph Cullen, as dispensary doctor, and for thirty years held the office. He was also medical officer for the Urban District Fever Hospital, Carrickmacross. He had been in indifferent health for some time. In July last his son, Dermott Joseph, aged nineteen, was drowned while bathing, and on the same evening Dr. McCaul had a narrow escape from death while returning from Dublin. The car in which he travelled collided with another car and burst into flames. It was not considered necessary to hold an inquest on the body of Dr. McCaul.

ITALY HARBOURS NAZI FUGITIVES.

GERMAN DEMAND FOR DEPORTATION.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The Saxon Government, through the Berlin Foreign Office, intends to apply to the Italian Government for the extradition of three Nazis who are alleged to be guilty of the murder of a colleague under the most terrible circumstances.

The victim of the crime was a Nazi "storm trooper" named Hentsch, whose body was dragged out of the River Elbe near Dresden. He had been shot three times, bound hand and foot, put into a sack, and thrown into the river, possibly—it is thought—while still alive.

It is alleged that the man had been murdered by Nazi colleagues on suspicion of treachery, and three men suspected of the crime have fled to Italy. That country does not, however, extradite for political offences.

The Saxon Government, nevertheless, intends to apply for extradition on the ground that the men are guilty of "a terrible murder which cannot in any circumstances be described as a political crime."

Italy at present harbours several other Nazis wanted in Germany for political offences.

JOURNALIST AS FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

PARIS, Thursday.

M. Henri de Jouvenel, the senator and former editor of *Le Matin*, will be appointed French Ambassador to Italy in succession to the late M. de Beaumarchais, according to *Le Journal*.

M. de Jouvenel, who is the husband of Colette, the well-known authoress, was formerly a French delegate to the League of Nations, and was at one time French High Commissioner for Syria.

RECENT IRISH WILLS.

Mr. William Murphy, of Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, who died on June 12th last, in Dublin, left personal estate in England and the Irish Free State valued at £4,091.

Mr. Patrick Coman, of 49-50 Main street, Tipperary, who died on 29th September last, left personal estate in England valued at £24,023. Among other bequests he left £100 to the Convent of Mercy, Tipperary; £100 to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Tipperary; £75 to the Presentation Convent, Thurles; £75 to the Presentation Convent, Ballingarry, £50 to the Christian Brothers, Tipperary.

Mrs. Annie Josephine Barry, of Egmont House, Kanturk, Co. Cork, who died on 6th March last, left personal estate in England and the Irish Free State value at £4,578.

Mr. Charles Francis Hughes, of Clondalkin, Dublin, who died on 2nd September last, left unsettled personal estate in England and the Irish Free State valued at £5,936.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Dublin—Cattle, holiday supplies cleared at steady prices, choice lots of Sheep firm, Lambs 2/- to 3/- per head dearer, Dairy Cattle cheaper, Pigs quickly cleared at late rates. York—Holiday market at late rates. Butter at Copenhagen 5/4 lower. Bristol—No trade. Wheat firmer. Rubber steady. Tin and Copper dearer.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN (METROPOLITAN).

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1930.	1931.
Beasts	2,448—increase 767	4,074	4,050
Sheep and Lambs	3,642—increase 974	6,300	6,444
Veal Calves	2—increase 2	2	2

Cattle supplies, although over 700 head more than last week, showed a decrease of over 1,600 as compared with corresponding market last year. Cross-Channel buyers attended well, but still several conspicuous absentees in that fraternity. Local victuallers generally were scarcely such active patrons as usual, and many did not put in an appearance. Many complaints were heard from those present of disappointing Christmas trade, large stocks being still on hands, which accounts for their apparent more or less apathetic attitude and curtailed requirements. Cross-Channel demand proved good for all suitable classes, and large numbers were taken for London. Scotch buyers were in more business-like mood, and many useful lots went to Lancashire and Manchester. In fact, bulk of supplies were taken for export, as local buyers gave little support, except for an odd beast here and there. Cattle, on the whole, gave fairly good quality to draw upon, and the sprinkling of outstanding beasts, both in and out-feds, were quickly cashed at firm to occasionally dearer rates. Secondary sorts, being in small supply, got fairly well placed, and market cleared fairly early at firm rates; but, had supplies being up to normal, market, no doubt, would have closed weaker. Beef cows, on the whole, proved a steady sale. Numbers on offer were very small, and the nice young sorts got placed early at late rates. Aged and lean classes proved slow to cash, but a clearance seemed possible at mid-stages of business. Prices over the day's proceedings worked out around the following:—Prime handyweight out-fed heifers and bullocks, 26s. to 28s. per cwt., latter price exceptional for bullocks; prime heifers, in-fed, 28s. to 30s.; fancy, 31s. to 32s.; bullocks, 27s. to 29s.; extra, 30s. to 31s; others, 22s. to 25s.; beef cows, 10s. to 17s., according to class.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Supplies here this week were close on 1,000 head larger than previously, but over 2,000 down on corresponding market last year. Both home and cross-Channel buyers were in fair attendance, and for anything of small, well-fed size trade proved fairly steady. Shippers bid freely for lambs, and, with only a small number on offer, prices advanced fully 2s. to 3s. per head. Local victuallers on the whole were poor bidders, many complaints being heard of bad Christmas trade. Large stocks were carried over unsold, which may be due to the large supplies of turkeys at most reasonable prices. Heavy mutton almost unsaleable, and ewes proved more difficult to cash. Generally speaking, the small supplies saved a drop in values. Mutton, 3d. to 6d. per lb., according to class, and lambs, 14s. to 20s.; extra up to 28s. per head.

DAIRY CATTLE.

Only 77 milch cattle were offered for sale here, being five head less than last week. Notwithstanding the very small numbers to deal with, trade was decidedly slower and, in the main, weaker. Few outstanding lots were to be seen; still, best cows on offer were cashed at fully £1 per head less than previously. The sprinkling of good heifers were bid for around late rates, but small and doubtful classes were neglected, and even at the almost give-away prices market failed to sell up. Best cows, £14 to £16 per head; heifers, £12 to £15; others, not wanted at £8 to £11.

PIGS.

Increased supply of swine, entrants totalling 493 head, or 24 more than previously. Buyers in fairly good attendance, which included one exporter. Business opened steady for all sizeable pigs, and an early clearance was effected around last day's prices. Heavy and unsuitable sorts, however, proved a dragging sale, but, with the small supplies to deal, few lots remained to be sold at mid-stages. Sows scarce and steady. Slips and bonhams were a fair trade, with closing prices fairly steady. Prime light-weight porkers, 48s. to 50s. per cwt.; medium bacon, 46s. to 48s. and 50s.; heavier, 38s. to 40s.; sows, 25s. to 30s.; slips and bonhams, 13s. to 20s. per head.

YORK—Market quiet, holiday character. Comparatively few Irish cattle offering, but quality very fair. Little business doing, late rates being maintained. No English on offer and very few dairy cattle, trade being practically at standstill. Best cows up to £25, calving heifers to £21 10/-. Very few sheep on offer and no trade.

BRISTOL.—Owing to the slack Christmas season there was no cattle boat arrival from Waterford, no stock offering, and no trade.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Practically no pigs on offer, and merchants awaiting supplies. Values purely nominal, and unchanged. Bacons 10/-, cutters about 11/6, sows 7/- per score, dead-weight.

DONNELLY, DUBLIN.

Pigs under 4 stone	46/- per cwt.,	dead-weight.
" " 6 "	50/- "	"
" " 7 "	48/- "	"
" " 8 "	46/- "	"
" " 9 "	44/- "	"
" " 10 "	42/- "	"
" " 11 "	40/- "	"
" " 14 "	36/- "	"
" " 16 "	32/- "	"
Heavy Pigs and Sows	24/- "	"

All subject to our terms of buying.—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT cargoes rather steadier for Manitoba grades in sympathy with better North American cables, but Australians and Plates more freely offered at lower prices. Buyers, however, remained indifferent. No. 1 Northern Manitoba, Vancouver shipment, January sellers 24/1½. No. 2 do. 23/3; Victorian bulk January also February 23/3. New South Wales do. December 23/9, January also February 23/3; West, also South, Australian do. January 23/3. Parcels quiet, but Canadians 1½d. per quarter dearer, but other sorts easier on freer offers. No. 1 Northern Manitoba, Vancouver afloat, also January sellers 23/9, No. 2 do. 23/-; Australian January 23/-. MAIZE cargoes firm on higher first-hand offers, and a better Continental demand for near positions. Plate afloat, also December, sellers 17/4½, January 17/6, February 17/7½. Parcels steadier, but trade checked. Plate afloat sellers 16/10½, December-January, also January-February, 17/-, February-March 17/3 per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. BARLEY—Parcels quiet, but steady, for Canadian descriptions. No. 3 Canadian Western, Vancouver, January sellers 16/-, do. Atlantic, St. John's, January 19/-; Plate, 65 kilos, December-January 15/-, Persian December-January 18/-, Azoff Black Sea December-January 16/6 per quarter of 400lb. c.i.f.; Californian December-January sellers 23/6; Australian No. 1 December-January 23/6 per quarter of 448lb. c.i.f. OATS—Parcels steadier, and sellers more reserved. Plate, December sellers 11/6; new crop, January-February, also February-March, 11/4½; April-May 11/6; No. 2 Canadian Western, Vancouver, January 16/-, No. 3 do. 14/9 per quarter of 320lb. c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed on Monday next for New Year holiday. American and Argentine markets finished about as expected, and forward deliveries of wheat here were unchanged at the outset, but afterwards improved moderately on scarcity of sellers. Later on prices receded owing to free offerings of River Plate parcels, but again steadied, in the end marking a moderate advance on previous night. C.i.f. parcels of wheat 3d. higher to 3d. lower. Rosario-Santa Fe (64lb.) loading sold at 20/9 to Manchester and No. 2 Manitoba December held at 23/3 per quarter. C.i.f. parcels maize in good demand at higher prices. Sales covered shortly due at 17/-, January 17/1½, February 17/4½; Danubian January 16/10½ to 17/-, February 17/1½ per quarter. WHEAT on the spot quietly steady. MAIZE—Spot parcels quiet at 3/10½ to 3/11 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet at late rates. Graded wheat futures opened unchanged; then improved ½d., later receded to barely previous night's prices, though again hardened, final rates marking a moderate advance on the day. Values—December old 4/7¼, March old 4/3¾, March 4/6⅞, May 4/7⅞ per cental. Sales—50 loads.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—Continental meets only a moderate demand, chiefly for lean meat, prices generally being round about official quotations for fresh parcels, though holders are free sellers, while cold stored shows irregular discounts, according to condition. American and Irish unchanged, but Canadian reduced to 54/- to 58/- per cwt. HAMS quiet, and American easier at 56/- to 64/- for short cut, and 65/- to 71/- extra skinless. Shoulders scarce and nominal. LARD on the spot 6d. to 1/- lower. Prime steam now offered at 43/- to 44/- and American refined 46/6 to 47/9 per cwt., though buyers operate merely for their actual needs. CHEESE steady, but New Zealand 1/- easier for white at 53/- to 57/- per cwt., being relatively too plentiful. BUTTER steady for Colonial, though lower on Danish at 120/- to 123/-, and Swedish 114/- to 118/- per cwt. EGGS remain nominal in the absence of supplies.

CARDIFF.—The market has re-opened with a quiet tone, and quotations show little alteration. Wholesale quotations, delivered in Cardiff districts:—BACON—Irish baled steady at 55/- to 60/-, Danish 58/- to 72/- per cwt. HAMS—American unchanged at 58/- to 76/- per cwt. BUTTER—Irish not offered. Danish steady at 124/- to 129/-; New Zealand tending easier at 86/- to 89/- per cwt. EGGS—Irish hen (best) not offered; other hen eggs quoted about 1/9 to 2/- per dozen. POULTRY—Chickens 10d. to 1/1, hens 6d. to 8d. per lb.

BRISTOL.—BACON was in quieter demand, and official prices of Irish have been reduced 4/- to 6/-, Danish 6/-, Dutch 4/- to 5/-, Lithuanian 3/-, Polish 3/-, and Swedish 4/- per cwt. HAMS were slow and nominal. LARD had a quiet trade at around previous rates. CHEESE remained quietly steady, whilst BUTTER had a moderate inquiry, with steadier prices for Colonial descriptions.

LONDON.—At the London Provisions Exchange the following prices for BACON were fixed for the week:—Canadian and Swedish officially reduced by 4/- per cwt., Danish 6/-, Polish 1/- to 4/-, Lithuanian 3/-, Irish 4/- to 6/-, and Dutch 4/- to 5/-.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market 1,885 tons—470 tons British and Irish produce and 1,415 tons imported. Supplies of beef more than ample for demand at weaker prices. BEEF (national mark prices)—English long sides select 4/8 to 5/-, ditto prime 4/4 to 4/8. General prices (including national mark)—English long sides 4/2 to 5/-, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/10 to 5/6; Irish Birkenhead-killed long sides 4/- to 4/4, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/8 to 5/-. Fair trade for pork at firmer rates. PORK—English, under 10st. 5/8 to 6/4, ditto 10st. to 15st. 5/- to 5/8, ditto 15st. to 20st. 4/4 to 5/-; Irish 5/- to 6/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Market well supplied with all classes. Trade generally fair, except for Savoy cabbage and cauliflowers, low prices being accepted to clear. York cabbage 10/- to 16/-, extra 20/- to 25/- large load, small 5/- to 9/-; Savoy, large 5/- to 10/-, small 3/- to 4/6; swedes 9d. to 1/- cwt., mangolds 10d. to 11d., celery 1/6 to 2/6 bunch, cauliflowers, best 8d. to 1/4 dozen, seconds 3d. to 6d.; turnips 4d. to 5d. bunch, sage 4d., thyme 2d. to 3d., parsley 6d. to 8d. tray, bags 2/- to 3/6, carrots 2/6 to 3/6 bag, sprouts 2/- chip, and parsnips 2/- to 3/- bag.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Heavy supplies on offer, for which a fair trade passed at unchanged rates, namely, 2/9 to 3/-, with occasional lots 3/3 per cwt.

CORK BUTTER.—Creameries, 117/- per cwt. (wholesale), 120/- net delivered; 120/- (retail), 123/- net delivered; 108/- (export); rolls (wholesale), 1/9 per lb. delivered.

COPENHAGEN.—Butter is quoted at 166 kroner per 100 kilos, which is equivalent to £4 7/6 per cwt., being a decrease of 5/4 with the previous week.

DUBLIN FISH.—Supplies totalled 161 boxes mixed catch from two steam trawlers, 8 chests lobster, 170 boxes herrings and a large amount from country and local senders. Demand improved at the following prices:—Lobsters 15/- to 17/- per 13 large, others 5/- to 8/-; soles 25/- to 30/- per 9 pairs large, medium 15/- to 20/-; slips 4/- to 8/-, turbot 1/- to 15/- each, brill 1/- to 3/-, herrings 7/- to 10/- box, plaice, small and large 60/- to 70/- half box, cod 40/- to 45/-, whiting 10/- to 35/-, ray 15/- to 20/-, hake 50/- to 60/-, haddock 15/- to 22/-, pollock 15/-, conger eels 12/-, gurnard 6/-, and white soles 25/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Liberal supplies, slow demand, steady rates. Soles 14d. to 18d., slips 8d. to 14d. per pound; live eels 10/- to 21/-, dead 7/- to 18/-; draught turbot 10/- to 16/-, plaice 9/- to 14/-, halibut 14/- to 16/-, lemon soles 10/- to 16/-, hake 13/- to 15/-, skate wings 5/- to 6/6, haddocks 3/- to 6/6 per stone; periwinkles, Irish 8/- to 10/- per cwt.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Terminal market quiet. Jan. sold 4/11, March 5/1½ to 5/2, May 5/3¾, Aug. 5/6½, 5/6¾ to 5/6½, Dec. 5/9¼ to 5/9½. No change in quotations of British refined or home-grown granulated, trade remaining very quiet. Foreign 96 per cent. centrifugal afloat sellers 4/10½ per cwt. c.i.f. COFFEE—Only minor transactions on the spot; prices unaltered. Brazilian for shipment dull. Superior Santos 68/- and No. 7 Rio 55/6 per cwt. c.i.f. COCOA—Dull tone continues. Accra G/F Dec.-Feb. and Jan.-March 24/9 and Lagos 23/- per 50 kilos c.i.f. RUBBER in moderate request; market quite steady. Standard sheet spot and Jan. sold 2 7/16d. to 2 15/32d., Feb. 2 15/32d., April-June buyers 2 9/16d., July-Sept. sold 2 11/16d., Oct.-Dec. 2¾d. Deliveries to home trade buyers continue on a liberal scale. JUTE—A firmer market, assisted by increased buying and stimulating cables from Calcutta. Quite a moderate business resulted at mostly 5/- per ton advance. Firsts Dec.-Jan. to Continent buyers £15, Jan.-Feb. sold £15 7/6 to £15 10/-, Feb.-March £15 12/6, lightnings Jan.-Feb. sellers £14 12/6, hearts sold £13 12/6. Daisee sellers £13 17/6 and Tossa sold £14 12/6 per ton c.i.f. SHELLAC idle. T.N. spot 56/-, March 50/-, May 51/- and Jan.-Feb. 49/- per cwt. OILS—Linseed fully steady; Plate spot sellers 19/3, Jan. 16/7½, Jan.-April 17/4½, Sept.-Dec. 19/7½. Rape steady; crude spot 29/3, refined 31/3. Cotton firm. Coconut slow; Ceylon spot drums ex mill 27/-, Dec.-Jan. 23/-, ditto white 23/3. Turpentine steady; American spot 62/6 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed market firm, and Plate descriptions dearer on higher Argentine initial cables, but trade slow to develop; Plate to Hull Dec.-Jan. to Feb.-March sellers £8 15/-, March-April £8 16/3, April-May £8 17/6, May-June £8 18/9. Rapeseed dull. Cottonseed dearer on higher cables from Alexandria. Egyptian black to Hull Dec. £7 15/-, Jan. £7 13/9, Feb. £7 12/6, with white sorts at 5/- per ton less respectively. Groundnuts steadier. Soya Beans neglected.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR quietly steady, with sellers parcels Jan. shipments 5/1½ per cwt. c.i.f. to U.K. COCOA—West African on spot continues in quiet request, with the quotation for fine fermented Accra in bond 26/- per cwt. ex quay ex store. Forward shipments slow; sellers of "A" clause 25/6 and Lagos f.a.q. 24/- per cwt. ex quay terms Liverpool, and buyers at 6d. less, Jan.-Feb. Futures steady, but idle, being unchanged from the previous close. COFFEE—Brazilian easier. Other sorts slow, with little quotable change. JAPANESE PEAS without change at £32 10/- to £33 for store lots. Forward shipments Nov.-Dec. £26 10/- quoted and Dec.-Jan. £26 per ton c.i.f. terms. RICE BRAN—Burmah slow of sale, with Feb.-June shipments quoted 77/6 per ton ex ship terms. OIL CAKES—Demand on the slow side for linseed at £7 5/- for River Plate Dec.-Jan. shipments c.i.f. terms. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed Dec.-Jan. shipments steady at £4 12/6 ex ship terms. PALM KERNELS quiet, unchanged, with sellers Dec.-Jan. and Jan.-Feb. shipments £10 11/3, and buyers 1/3 per ton less. TALLOW continues idle. South American quoted 22/6 to 23/- c.i.f. forward shipments, and Australian good colour mixed 22/- to 22/6 per cwt. c.i.f. forward shipments.

LIVERPOOL SUGAR.—Tate and Lyle's quotations:—Crystals, ones 21/3; granulated, standard 18/10½; yellows, thirds 18/6.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN AND COPPER DEARER.

TIN—Eastern advices were steady, and here a firmer tone prevailed on reserved offers and a fair demand. Official quotations were advanced by 15/- per ton for cash, and 7/6 to 10/- forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £149 2/6 to £149 5/-, three months £150 5/- to £150 7/6, settlement price £149 5/-. Sales amounted to 250 tons: cash at £148 10/-, £149 5/- and £149 2/6, three months £149 15/-, £150 10/- and £150 5/-; English ingots quoted £150 5/-. Business was reported in the East at £153 10/- c.i.f. COPPER also in better support and market firmer, with official quotations 6/3 to 7/6 per ton up, both cash and forward, on balance. Standard cash quoted £28 17/6 to £28 18/9, three months £29 5/- to £29 6/3, settlement price £28 17/6. 550 tons changed hands, three months at £29 to £29 5/-; Electros quoted £34 7/6 to £34 10/-; wire bars £34 10/-, best selected £31 5/- to £32 10/-. LEAD market quiet, but generally steady. 100 tons sold. Good soft foreign pig April £11 5/-, settlement price £10 15/-; English quoted £12 5/-. SPELTER in moderate demand, and values barely steady. 200 tons sold: January £15 3/9, March £15 7/6. ANTIMONY quiet, but steady. English Regulus spot £37, Chinese do. spot £27, December-January £23 15/-, crude do. £17 10/- per ton c.i.f. Antimony oxide, December-January £20 15/- per ton c.i.f. Antimony ore, 60 p.c., December-January 2/9, 50 p.c. do. 2/3 per unit c.i.f. WOLFRAM quietly steady. Chinese spot 11/-, December-January 10/6 per unit c.i.f. COPPER SHEETS firmer at £42 per ton f.o.b. Yellow metal dearer at £36 15/- per ton f.o.b. ALUMINIUM, QUICKSILVER and TIN PLATES unchanged.

SECOND SESSION.—Tin maintained. 150 tons sold: cash at £149 2/6, three months £150 to £150 5/-. Copper quiet. 50 tons sold: cash buyers £28 17/3, three months sold at £29 5/-. Lead idle and unaltered. Spelter lower. 175 tons sold: January £15 2/6 to £15 1/3.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXPORTS.

(Special Cable.)

MONTREAL, December 27.

Trade firmer, choice steers making $4.00 to $4.50. Prospects for increased shipments are more encouraging. Freight, $12.00 per head. Sailing—To Glasgow, per Sulaira: Cattle, 199.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN IRELAND.

At a meeting of the Examination Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland the following candidates were awarded passes at the examinations held in November:—

Preliminary—Dudley W. Atkinson, Banbridge, Co. Down; Samuel Brown Caughey, Comber, Co. Down; John Kevin Patrick Ingram, Dublin; Raymond Jackson, Belfast; Edward William McCarthy, Dublin; Charles W. Martin; Thomas Desmond Millar, Belfast; Gerard Scott, Dublin; William Valentune, Belfast.

Intermediate—John Ronald Baine, Belfast; George Denis Betson, Dublin; Victor John Campbell Blakely; Joseph Brannigan, Belfast; William Cashell, Dublin; Basil Seymour Dickinson, Greystones, Co. Wicklow; Richard Alexander Hutchinson, Whitehouse, Co. Antrim; William Henry Jones, Belfast; Edward Terence McNeill, Bangor, Co. Down; James Francis Hill Moore, Lisburn, Co. Antrim; Patrick Joseph Moran, Dublin; Cecil Ernest Riecken, Belfast; Edgar Lawrence Riley, Dublin; Gerald Edward Fitzgerald Windle, Dublin.

Final—Patrick Aloysius Duggan, Dublin; Rollo Ellis McClure, Belfast; Andrew Maze, Belfast; Hugh Cecil Meharg, Belfast; Walter Mellor, Bangor, Co. Down; Samuel Stockman, Lisburn, Co. Antrim; John William Naismith, Dublin; Manfred Henry Phillips, Holywood, Co. Down; Cecil Watson Sheppard, Dublin; Hector John Kennedy Sinclair, Belfast; Allan Loughlin Sweeney, Belfast; Henry Jameson Thompson, Belfast; Arthur Geoffrey Trapnell, Dublin; James Winslow Trimble, Bangor, Co. Down.

One candidate in the Preliminary, 14 in the Intermediate and 9 in the Final Examinations failed to satisfy the examiners.

ESCAPE FROM A MENTAL HOME.

PRINCE'S FLIGHT TO TURKEY.

ATTENDANT FINED FOR COMPLICITY.

William Pilbeam, a former attendant at a mental home at Ticehurst, Sussex, appeared on remand at Hastings Police Court yesterday, charged under the Lunacy Act, 1890, with complicity in the escape from the home in 1925 of Prince Ahmed Seif ed Din.

Yesterday's proceedings lasted only a few minutes.

THE ESCAPE.

The Chief Constable (Mr. F. James) said that since Wednesday he had communicated with the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"He has authorised me," he said, "to advise you to accept a plea of guilty and to deal with Pilbeam under the Lunacy Acts.

"The prisoner was an attendant at the institution mentioned, and his particular duty was to look after the gentleman whose name is mentioned. On the day in question he brought him to Hastings, as he had on many previous occasions, and, by an arrangement with others, took this gentleman across the water on the steamer Devonia to France, where he was immediately carried away to Turkey, where he is still residing.

"Pilbeam did not return to England until two days ago—the day of his arrest."

After a brief consultation with his fellow justices, the Chairman said that the Bench had decided to fine Pilbeam the maximum penalty of £20, to be paid forthwith, or three months' imprisonment.

CATCHING A STEAMER.

The story of the Prince's dramatic escape from the Sussex Mental Home in 1925 was told to a reporter by one of Mr. William Pilbeam's friends, who until now has kept the details a close secret.

"One of the special steamers which make day trips to France in the summer months was scheduled to leave on a particular date for Boulogne. The Prince, with Mr. Pilbeam and another man, motored to the coast, went on to the pier and boarded the boat. By sheer good luck, some people who were sitting on the pier at the time, and who knew the Prince, did not recognise him, although he was not disguised in any way.

"All went well during the trip across the Channel, and, after lunch at Boulogne, a fast car took the party to Paris, where the Prince's mother was awaiting him.

"They all stayed the night in the French capital, and on the next day motored on to Marseilles, where they embarked on a vessel which took them to Stamboul.

"Mr. Pilbeam has of late years, I believe, been the Prince's valet, and now he has come home.

"The reason why the Prince was able to make such a complete getaway was probably partly due to a coincidence. When it was found that he was missing it was believed that he and Mr. Pilbeam had been kidnapped. While inquiries were being made on these lines he was speeding across France."

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND.

INCREASING NUMBERS.

There were 12,019 persons converted to the Roman Catholic faith in England and Wales last year. This is an increase over the previous year, when the total was 11,980. The figures do not include new returns from the large Diocese of Nottingham, since these were not available at the time of going to press.

The Roman Catholic population of England and Wales—admittedly underestimated—is given as 2,253,420, as compared with 2,235,237 last year.

The number of secular priests has increased by 82 to 3,057, and the regular clergy by 45 to 1,651, making a total of 4,708 priests in England and Wales.

Fourteen new churches and chapels have been opened, the total number now being 2,288. Secondary schools show a decrease of three from 519 to 516, but the number of their pupils has risen from 58,278 to 59,859. The elementary schools have increased from 1,331 to 1,376, and the attendance in these schools has grown from 384,129 to 386,631.

Children's baptisms numbered 64,356 in the last year. In 1930 the total was 66,128. Marriages totalled 23,325, as compared with 23,631 the previous year.

MOROCCAN PLOT AGAINST SPAIN.

TRIBESMEN READY TO JOIN REVOLT.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

MADRID, Thursday.

The Director-General of Morocco has confirmed a report of a plot against the Spanish Army in Ceuta, Morocco.

Plans were laid to set fire to the stores of the Spanish Army and to seize arms and ammunition. Five hundred tribesmen were said to be ready to join in the revolt.

The head of the movement was an active supporter of Abdel Krim, deposed leader of the Riffs. Several prominent Moors have been arrested.

Seventy deportees are to be brought back to Spain from Villa Cisneros, in Rio de Oro (Spanish West Africa) on a summons by the legal authorities. Among them will be several more or less distant relations of ex-King Alfonso.

The Home Office Minister states that these deportees are wanted to explain the part they are alleged to have played in the rising of last August.

BURGLARS IN FLIGHT.

JEWELLERY DROPPED IN A WOOD.

Jewellery which had been dropped by burglars during a chase by police officers through a wood at Abbey Wood, Kent, was discovered yesterday.

The jewellery had been stolen from the house of Mrs. Flack, in New road, Abbey Wood, Kent. The burglars were still in the house when Miss Webb, Mrs. Flack's daughter, returned. The intruders hastily picked up what they had collected in the house, and hit Miss Webb across the head with an attache case, into which they had stuffed the jewellery, and various articles of clothing.

Miss Webb was not badly hurt, and she quickly raised an alarm. The two men then disappeared into the wood which fringes the house.

Police officers drew a cordon around the wood, while others went in pursuit of the fugitives. Soon after dawn Mr. Lang, a keeper, found some articles of women's clothing and a small box containing jewellery, which had apparently been dropped by the burglars in their efforts to evade the police during the all-night search of the wood.

The police also found an abandoned car, which it is thought had been used by the two men. The remainder of the jewellery was discovered at the other end of the wood.

ESCAPE FROM FOREIGN LEGION.

Nothing is known at Cardiff of the man described as Captain Roland Wilson Jones, D.S.O., who with another Englishman escaped from the French Foreign Legion after serving two years, and spending nearly nine weeks in a French military prison in Morocco. The two men are stated to have reached Lisbon on, their way to England.

The name of Captain Roland Wilson Jones is not known in Cardiff military circles, and a Cardiff address given in one report is that of a block of offices with only a caretaker living there.

A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded at an inquest held in Monkstown Hospital, Co. Dublin, yesterday, on Laurence O'Toole, a labourer, of Blackrock, who developed hæmorrhage on Wednesday evening, and died before reaching the hospital.

A NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL.

CHARGES AGAINST SUB-LIEUTENANT.

TO BE DISMISSED THE SERVICE.

Sub-Lieutenant Guy C. Myler Falla, of H.M.S. Renown, was at a naval court-martial at Chatham yesterday found guilty of altering an entry in a mess account book, with intent to defraud, and of fraudulent conversion, and was ordered to be dismissed the Service.

He was found not guilty on a charge of forgery.

Sub-Lieut. Falla is a well-known Rugby football player for the Navy, and a Services boxer. The full charges against him were:—That he forged a name in a mess account book with intent to defraud; that, while acting as officer in the employment of the gun-room mess of H.M.S. Renown, he altered an entry in the gun-room mess account book, with intent to defraud, and that he fraudulently converted to his own use the sum of £103 5s.

CHARGES DENIED.

Giving evidence yesterday, Sub-Lieut. Falla, who pleaded not guilty to all the charges, stated that he had paid the messman all the moneys due to him in connection with the gun-room mess accounts. He handed the sum of £103 5s. to Petty Officer May on October 14, and two days later May signed the account book as a receipt.

Sub-Lieut. Falla denied making an erasion or alterations after the messman had affixed his signature.

Speaking of a surplus of £15, which he handed over during an audit, Sub-Lieut. Falla said that the money came from a boxing show that he promoted ashore at Whitby.

He declared that, had he required £103 for his own use, he could have obtained it from his family solicitor.

"TERRIBLY WORRIED."

Dealing with statements by two other officers that he persuaded them to tell a story backing up his assertion that he had paid the messman, Sub-Lieut. Falla agreed that this was correct.

"I was terribly worried," he said, "and thunderstruck at the charges which would obviously be made against me, as, although I had paid the messman, no one had seen me pay him. I suggested that these officers should state that they had heard me say I had just paid the messman. I did not realise at that time what a silly thing it was to suggest."

A PROMISING OFFICER.

One of the witnesses for the defence was Rear-Admiral W. Round Turner, Admiral Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard. He said that Falla's conduct as a midshipman when under his command on H.M.S. Revenge was strictly honourable. "I personally regarded him as being a promising young officer," he said.

The "prisoner's friend," Mr. Gerald Thesiger, addressing the Court, declared that there was no man in England who, on past reputation and conduct, was less likely to follow the dishonourable course of conduct alleged in the charges than Sub-Lieutenant Falla. It was clear that not one penny had gone into the pocket of the accused as the result of the alleged forgery.

RAILWAY'S RULES FOR EMPLOYES.

PROVISION FOR EVERY EMERGENCY.

A new standard rule book, which has been prepared by the management of the L.M.S. Railway for the guidance of its 200,000 employés, provides for every emergency, from the recovery of a passenger's lost umbrella to precautions in a snowstorm. The book has just been issued, and will supersede the existing rule books from midnight to-morrow.

It is thought that the 240 rules embodied in the book cover everything necessary for the safe and efficient working of the railway and the comfort of passengers.

"SWEEP" TICKET BAN IN PERSIA.

PRIZE-WINNERS WERE TOO SCARCE!

From Reuter's Correspondent.

TEHERAN, Thursday.

A law has just been passed forbidding the import and sale of "sweep" tickets in Persia.

Great quantities of tickets have previously been sold for various "sweeps" on the Continent, notably Germany and Austria. The Irish Free State Hospitals Sweepstake was also becoming popular, and many of these tickets were sold during the past year.

The new law forbids the sale of any "sweep" or lottery tickets, because newspapers protested that a great deal of Persian wealth went into the pockets of foreign concerns. It was also pointed out that prize-winners in Persia were very scarce.

MAN BREAKS WINDOW OF BRITISH EMBASSY.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The British Embassy here has a broken window as the result of a man's dislike of Russia.

Because he had a grievance against Russia the man picked up a stone and threw it through the window of a large house in the Wilhelmstrasse, thinking it to be the Russian Embassy.

The stone-thrower, a Lett, was arrested.

INDIAN ARMY OFFICER FOUND SHOT.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

DEHRA DUN, Thursday.

Captain E. F. Crowdy, M.B.E., stationed here with the 19th (Maymyo) Mountain Battery, Royal Artillery, was found shot dead in his room to-day, with a revolver lying beside him. It is not known how the shooting occurred. The captain was buried this afternoon with military honours.

MISS GARBO RETURNING TO AMERICA.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

STOCKHOLM, Thursday.

Miss Greta Garbo was given an American *visa* at the United States Consulate here to-day, and it is expected that she will shortly return to America.

Last night Greta Garbo was in the audience which witnessed her own film, "Mata Hari," but she was not recognised by any member of the large crowd in the theatre.

GERMANY BANS FOREIGN COMMUNISTS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Thursday.

Several foreign Communists, especially Czechs and Austrians, have been ordered by the police to quit Germany within a few days, owing to "anti-State" activities, such as collecting funds for the Communist Party.

VETERAN LINER ENGINEER

RETIRING AFTER LONG SERVICE.

TWICE TORPEDOED DURING THE WAR.

Mr. Andrew Cockburn, chief engineer of the Cunard liner Mauretania for the last thirteen years, retires to-morrow, after forty years' service with the Cunard Company.

Mr. Cockburn has probably been concerned in more "record" breaking on the Atlantic than any other engineer; for he served in five Cunard liners—the Lucania, Umbria, Campania, Lusitania and Mauretania—all of which at one time or another held the "Blue Riband" of the Atlantic.

When the Lusitania was torpedoed during the war he was in the engine room, and he was still on board when she took her last plunge. He was in the water four hours before being picked up. Mr. Cockburn was also in the Aurania when that vessel was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland in 1918.

During his association with the Mauretania he sailed in her when she was a troopship, hospital ship, armed cruiser and passenger liner.

GOLF AT SEA.

Mr. Cockburn had a miniature golf course rigged up in his room on board, and he was termed "the golf champion of the Atlantic"; for, on his own course, he has beaten Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Archie Compston, Aubrey Boomer, Jock Hutchinson and Tommy Farrell.

The only professional to beat him was Jock Jolly. "The ship was at a standstill when that happened," Mr. Cockburn explained, with a smile. "You see, it was the movement of the ship at sea which upset all the other champions."

Mr. Cockburn, who was born at Kelso, Scotland, in 1871, worked at Newcastle and Liverpool before joining the Cunard Line.

FUTURE SPEEDS.

On the subject of marine engines, he said: "There is no doubt in my mind that geared turbines, furnished with superheated steam, are the most reliable machinery for fast ships, and I am of opinion that vessels so equipped will continue to be the Atlantic "record" holders of the future.

"As far as speed is concerned it will develop in the years to come as it has done in the past, but the halt will have to be called when ships reach the size limit imposed by the facilities afforded in the harbours they use."

Asked what he thought might be the speed of Atlantic "record" holders in years to come, Mr. Cockburn was not anxious to commit himself, but ventured the opinion that 35 to 40 knots would not be an impossibility.

INQUEST ON VICTIMS OF FIRE.

DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE AT BIRMINGHAM.

The inquest on the six children who lost their lives in a fire at their home in Price street, Birmingham, on Christmas Eve, was opened at Birmingham yesterday.

They were the children of Mr. Luke Weir, a crippled and unemployed ex-Service man, who, with his wife, was injured in escaping from the blazing room in which they and their seven children were sleeping.

The six children who lost their lives were Luke (aged 13), John (aged 12), Rose (aged eight), Terry (aged seven), Theresa (aged five), and Francis (aged four).

The Coroner (Dr. W. H. Davison), adjourning the inquest until January 12, said he hoped the parents would be sufficiently recovered then to give some account of what happened.

"Without their evidence," he said, "it is impossible to form any definite opinion as to what occurred in that house, or to surmise how the fire was started."

John Weir, an uncle of the children, said that there were only two rooms in the house.

The Coroner—How many people have been living in the house?—There have been eleven at times.

How many were there on the night of the fire?—The parents and seven children.

Mr. Weir said that on the night of the fire the eldest daughter, Nellie, was living at a hostel, and another child, Mary, aged nine, was staying with an aunt. After the fire his brother and sister-in-law and another child were taken to hospital. He (witness) had had no difficulty in identifying the bodies of the six children.

Dr. J. W. Gaston said that death in each case was due to asphyxia. In his opinion, the children were overcome by the fumes and rendered unconscious before the fire reached them.

CARNEGIE HEROES' AWARD.

RINGSEND BOY'S ACTION RECOGNISED.

The following was included in the awards made by the Carnegie Hero Fund Trustees yesterday:—

Thomas Nolan (14), of Ringsend, Dublin, attempted last July to rescue another boy from drowning. He was awarded an honorary certificate and £10.

SMASH-AND-GRAB RAID FOILED.

MAN'S HAND INSIDE WINDOW SEIZED.

An attempted smash-and-grab raid at a shop belonging to Messrs. Skiller and Co., jewellers, High street, Rochester, was foiled by the prompt action of an assistant in the shop, Mrs. Rose Rowland.

Hearing the sound of broken glass as a brick was thrown through the window and seeing a man's hand inside the window, she seized it and called for help, a passer-by coming to her assistance.

Subsequently a man was questioned by the police. The window contained a trayful of gold rings and other jewellery.

400,000 AMERICANS CATCH INFLUENZA.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The United States is just now suffering from an influenza epidemic. The Public Health Service has reported 43,997 cases in thirty-five States, and stresses that many cases are not reported.

The actual spread of the disease is probably eight to ten times the known number of cases. There have been ten thousand cases in New York City, including about five hundred men and women prisoners.

TURKEYS AT HALF-A-CROWN EACH.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BAGDAD, Thursday.

Iraqi housewives are revelling at present in a glut of turkeys, which, owing to the unusually dry winter, are arriving from Mosul in unprecedented numbers.

As a result the price of these birds is much lower than usual, and a turkey big enough for a New Year's dinner of twenty guests can be obtained for only half-a-crown.

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Foreign Arrival—Thelma, of Glasgow, 904 tons, Captain Rattray, from Gothenburg, with general cargo; discharged and proceeded to Ardrossan.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Munster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Assaroe, from Silloth, with passengers and goods; Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; Slieve Bloom, from Holyhead, with goods; Carrowdore, from Liverpool, with empties; Ringwall and Ophir, from Garston, with coals; Ashfield, from Aetenorange, with coals; Lady Galway and Lady Louth, from Liverpool, light; Slieve Donard from Holyhead, light.

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The collection, mainly contributed by students of the college, has just been received by the Wren Society, with great appreciation of this indication of the sympathy of many on that side of the water with the purposes of the Society.

The college claims to be the only American building from the designs of Sir Christopher Wren. It was so attributed in 1721 by Hugh Jones, Professor of Mathematics.

In view of the Queen Mary II.'s interest in the foundation, the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a semi-official character, it seems likely that a key-design may have been made by Sir Christopher Wren and been sent out, though no actual drawing has so far been traced.

An explosion in the fabric department of the Michelin Tyre Co.'s works at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday resulted in two men and a woman receiving severe burns about the head, face and arms. They are—William Harry Preston (23), single, of Chell street, Hanley; Henry Bowers Crooper (30), married, Mostyn street, Birches Head, Hanley, and Mabel Tennant (23), single, of West Parade, Mount Pleasant, Fenton.

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